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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Dr. Charles C. Colby's new book, "Pilot Study of Southern Illinois," will be published October 20 by the Southern Illinois University Press, according to Vernon Sternberg, Press director.

The work, described as "the first positive study of Southern Illinois," is designed as a tool for regional planning. Comprehensive information on the area's livelihood structure, industrial and recreational potential, and unrealized opportunities for growth presented by Colby are the result of more than two years of research, including field investigations, interviews, and surveys.

Available for the first time in the "Pilot Study" is a large scale--24-x-32 inches--colored map of the Shawnee Hills region showing the proposed Shawnee Hiking and Horseback Trail with scenic and recreational areas along its way. It recently was explored on horseback by President Delyte W. Morris and a group of Southern Illinois University students.

The cloth-bound book, measuring 8-3/8 x 11 inches, has 61 tables and illustrations, two of them in large size, enclosed in a pocket in the back of the book.

Professor Colby, emeritus professor and chairman of the University of Chicago geography department, is an internationally prominent geographer and has had wide experience in area studies. He has been a consultant in land planning with TVA, a member of the Land Committee, National Resources Planning Board, and a chairman of the Mid-Century Conference on Resources for the Future. He completed this study while a member of the SIU faculty.

The Press is arranging a series of personal appearances for Colby in the area October 19-23 to introduce the "Pilot Study." Included will be speaking engagements, radio interviews, a reception at the University, and an autographing party in Carbondale.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Thirty inmates have enrolled in the first college course ever taught behind the walls at the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, according to L. L. Hines, superintendent of education at the institution.

The Department of Journalism at Southern Illinois University is offering the 12-week course, which allows three quarter hours of college credit.

Teaching the basic course in newswriting is Charles C. Clayton, visiting professor of journalism at SIU and editor of The Quill, monthly magazine for journalists. The class meets for two and one-half hour sessions at 12:10 p.m. each Wednesday.

Some of the inmates taking the course are on the staff of Menard Time, the penitentiary's highly-rated tabloid newspaper.

Warden Ross V. Randolph authorized the institution's first venture in extension-type college courses. Previously, the only courses for college credit offered inmates were correspondence courses.

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CARBONDALE, Ill., Oct. -- Stopping one of the Midwest's best passing attacks will be the chief obstacle facing Southern Illinois University's grid team as it invades Bradley University for a game Thursday night.

The passing arm of Bradley's quarterback Dick Jameison was one of the big factors in Bradley's smashing 26-7 victory over Western Illinois Saturday. Chief receiver of the passes was Don Carothers, 6-5, 215-pound end from Chicago.

Injuries will handicap Southern as several key players were hurt in Central Michigan's 32-13 win over SIU at Mt. Pleasant last Saturday. Two players, first string end Marion Rushing, Finckneyville, and halfback Cecil Hart, Hillsboro, may not play because of muscle injuries.

End Robert Batura, Danvers, Mass., who has been on the injury list since early September, may return to action Thursday.

Spearheading SIU's rushing offensive has been Carver Shannon, Corinth, Miss. halfback, who has gained 198 yards in 22 carries in Southern's opening two games. He has scored a total of 28 points, including all 13 of the points against Central Michigan. His longest run was a 74-yard punt return last Saturday.

Passing, both on offense and defense, has bothered SIU in the two games and if not improved could be the determining factor in the Bradley clash.

SIU's probable starters: LE--Rushing or Richard Strainic, Crystal Lake; LT--Gene Krolak, Chicago; LG--Carl Toots, Elgin; C--John Abromovitch, Haverhill, Mass.; RG--Jim McCann; RE--Robert Batura, Danvers, Mass.; QB--Bill Norwood, Centralia; LH--Ranette Lewis, East St. Louis; RH--Shannon; and FB--Richard White, St. Louis.

The game is set for 7 p.m. (CST).

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Sept. -- Photographers will focus on picturesque Makanda near Giant City State Park Oct. 19-20 during Southern Illinois University's First Annual Photo Workshop for Weekly Newspapers.

Sponsored by the Department of Journalism and the SIU chapter of Kappa Alpha Mu, professional photojournalism fraternity, the workshop will feature a three-hour "shooting session" at Makanda for weekly newspaper photographers on the opening day.

Purpose of the workshop is to offer practical instruction in picture taking, photo selection and cropping, caption writing, and photo layout, according to Dr. William C. Horrell, director. Horrell, who heads the SIU Photo Service, said enrollment will be limited to 30 persons.

The meeting will open Friday, Oct. 19, at Giant City State Park Lodge with a 9:30 a.m. address on "Conception and Development of Photographic Ideas" by Robert Van Pelt, editor of the Salem (Mo.) Post. At 10:30 a.m., Richard Shaw, Chicago, representing Graflex, Inc., will speak on "Shooting the News for the Weekly Paper".

Dr. Howard R. Long, chairman of the journalism department, will orient workshop participants on Makanda preceding the camera coverage there beginning at 2 p.m.

Evening speaker will be Glenn Hensley, Columbia, Mo., former associate editor of the Missouri Farmer, official publication of the Missouri Farmers Association. His topic will be "Shooting Features for the Weekly Paper".

On Saturday, Oct. 20, Bill Boyne, Carbondale, managing editor of The Southern Illinoisan, will speak at 9:30 a.m. on "Writing Cutlines for the Weekly". During an editing period, the photographers will select, crop, and write captions for pictures taken the day before.

Other Saturday speakers will include Joe Hale, Centralia, representing Fairchild Equipment Corporation, and Art Brown, St. Louis, representing Eastman Kodak Company.

The workshop will close with a dinner at 6 p.m. and a discussion on "The Future of Weekly Photojournalism". The workshop fee, which includes meals and lodging, is $20.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- A six-day short course in kiln drying lumber will begin October 29 at the Wood Products Pilot Plant on Southern Illinois University's Southern Acres campus 11 miles east of Carbondale, H. B. Bauernfeind, assistant dean of the SIU Division of Technical and Adult Education, announced today.

Enrollees in the course, limited to 25 persons, will be instructed in operating a modern dry kiln, using a new prefabricated unit recently installed at the Pilot Plant by SIU and the Carbondale U.S. Forest Research Center, joint operators. E. F. Rasmussen, engineer at the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin, and William W. Rice, Pilot Plant superintendent, will head the staff conducting the short course.

In addition to helping train new kiln operators, the course will present new lumber drying information to experienced operators and management in the woodworking industry. Additional information may be obtained from the SIU Division of Technical and Adult Education which is cooperating with the Carbondale Forest Research Center and the Forest Products Laboratory in making the course available.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct.--Joseph Shelly, Washington, D.C., will headline the program for the Illinois State Vegetable Growers Association annual meeting at Southern Illinois University November 1-2, according to William T. Andrew, SIU vegetable specialist in charge of local arrangements.

Shelly, executive secretary of the Vegetable Growers Association of America, will address the dinner session November 1. The conference program will include sessions on vegetable disease and insect problems, marketing, grower cooperatives, research, and labor for vegetable production.

The Association has a statewide membership representing primarily the commercial vegetable producing areas near Chicago and East St. Louis, and in Southern Illinois.

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(Editors: Note local names)

CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Juniors and seniors in 185 southern Illinois high schools have been invited to Southern Illinois University, October 20, for annual High School Guest Day activities.

Sponsored by the SIU Student Council and Office of Student Affairs, the program will open with registration from 1-3 p.m. in the Student Union.

Sandra Unger, Hoopeston, Student Council president, will welcome the high school visitors at 2 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium. A variety show presented by SIU students will be followed by tours of the campus. Members of Alpha Phi Omega and Girls Rally, campus service organizations, will be guides.

Refreshments will be served at a "Chat and Snack" hour from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the Woody Hall terrace. Hosts will be I. Clark Davis, acting director of the Office of Student Affairs, and Mrs. Davis.

In the evening, the student guests will be admitted free to the Southern-Eastern Michigan football game at McAndrew Stadium. Kickoff is at 8 p.m.

Guest Day co-chairmen are Jane Miller, Chicago (5655 Harper), and Frank Wissinger, Cairo (412 33rd).

Other committee chairmen are:

Registration and invitation -- Jan Fegley, Battle Creek, Mich. (160 Adams Rd.), and Dick Baldwin, Harrisburg

Publicity -- Edward Swick, Northlake (117 Bernice Dr.)

Arrangements -- Paul Jones, Benton

Variety Show -- Patricia Cook, Ottawa (607 W. Glover), and Garrison Newsome, Shawneetown

"Chat and Snack Hour -- Jane Williams, Metropolis

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Returning students at Southern Illinois University are getting a different perspective of the new SIU library.

After using only the south entrance since the building opened last January, students now may also use the north front entrance. Under a $243,000 contract, (Triangle) construction company (Carbondale and Kankakee) workmen are busy with heavy digging and earth-moving equipment, installing storm sewers, additional water lines, sidewalks, and outdoor lights.

Grounds north and west of the library building are being landscaped to create a campus mall blending with the area between University School and Woody Hall. According to Charles Pulley, University architect, the contract includes development of areas surrounding the Life Science building immediately west of the library.

Four major 10-foot sidewalks serving the two buildings are nearing completion. One, at the library's south entrance, will be extended westward to the Chautauqua Housing area. Two will parallel the north side of the library, joining another which curves southwestward from University School's Grand Avenue entrance and extends between the library and Life Science buildings to the south walk. Connectin walks will serve all entrances to the two buildings.

The project includes enlarging a Grand Avenue parking lot to 80-car capacity, double its present size, and building two small service entrance parking areas west of the library.

Ralph E. McCoy, SIU director of libraries, says that a browsing room adjacent to the south lobby of the library is being opened for use. A collection of several books--classics and best-selling fiction and non-fiction--have been placed in the room.

Additional areas on the first floor are being rushed to completion and should be ready by January 1 to house the social studies library which has been temporarly sharing space with the humanities and science libraries in the basement.

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The figure, including a record freshman class of 2,119, compares to an enrollment of 5,554 resident students of a year ago. The freshman total is 299 above last year.

Other classifications show 1228 sophomores, 1015 juniors, 642 seniors, 427 graduate students, 96 unclassified undergraduates and 529 Vocational-Technical Institute students.

The on-campus total shows men outnumbering women more than two to one, with 4,160 men enrolled to 1,896 women.

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Number 172 in a weekly series--"It Happened in Southern Illinois"--a series consisting of regional folklore and historical accounts suitable for feature, column, or editorial use.

(NOTE: Because of the unusual interest in this series of features on Illinois history and folklore, John Allen, now serving as president of the Illinois State Historical Society, has agreed to continue his writing although he has been retired officially from the staff of Southern Illinois University.)

IT IS TIME TO RETIRE

John W. Allen
Southern Illinois University

Perhaps anyone who has spent a lifetime at a particular task should be allowed to pause and reminisce a bit when the time comes for parting. That time is here for the writer and although reminiscence and "reminuisance" sound much alike, he wants to claim the privilege.

Just over 62 years ago a barefoot lad trudged along a dusty Southern Illinois road to his first day in a country school and into a new world. That youngster had no thought whatever that the schoolroom to which he was introduced that day would remain a first interest through life and that before he left it time would sprinkle his head with chalk dust until his hair was white. Such proved true, however.

It was the thought of this ending that brought him to sit a while during the afternoon of his "last day of school" and muse over the years during which he has been associated with school work in various ways.

The memories are pleasant ones. Though there were disagreeable features connected with occasional incidents that are recalled, time has somehow dulled the sharp edges. The pleasant features have been more enduring.

Thoughts of retirement and of the many years spent in schoolrooms bring few regrets. Such regrets as there are arise chiefly from things not done, sins of omission rather than those of commission. Altogether, retirement is welcomed. This is particularly true since it comes while reasonable health and vigor remain.

The financial rewards of teaching have been very modest, but on the other hand the pleasant memories, the friendships and the associations formed during the years have reached astronomical proportions and somewhat compensate for the money shortage.

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The well nourished look of pupils now was absent then, when 'peaked' children were common. Eyes were 'weak' and spectacles were very uncommon. Personal cleanliness was at low ebb. Scabies and head lice were occasionally found. The contrast in looks of both pupils and schoolhouses between then and now would be striking.

The games played were different from the ones of today. Their sports were mostly those that emphasized individual strengths and skills. There were not many team games. Among the almost forgotten games were hat ball, bull pen, old sow, shinny, rooster fighting, Indian wrestling (rasslin'), burn out, mumble peg, whip cracker, sling dutch, Spanish leap frog, setting pegs, wolf on the ridge, stink base and one and over. Perhaps the boys do still play jail, war or policeman.

Pupils of those one-room country schools varied greatly in age. There were those barely old enough to go and others 'of age'. There was no organized course of study, and pupils often went at their own pace. There were 'B' and 'A' classes. One who could "solve every problem in Ray's Third" was accounted a mathematician. When a pupil had finished the work the school offered, he often 'took it over again'. Older boys began attendance after the fall work was done and quit when spring plowing began. The very young often dropped out during the severe parts of the winter.

Qualifications of the teacher, aside from a certain earnestness, were often limited. A few grown-up boys and girls left after the equivalent of today's eighth grade, took the county superintendent's examination, and obtained a teacher's certificate. The writer entered the profession in that way.

This could go on indefinitely. During the years since he went wonderingly down the dusty road to his first day of school that one-time barefoot boy has seen schools transformed. He wonders what another 60 years will bring.

One question has repeatedly been asked: "If the opportunity could be had to live it all over, would you be a teacher again?" The answer is "YES, but a better one."

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct.--The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' first football "bowl" game Dec. 8 will be a profit-sharing venture in which "nobody makes any money," according to an NAIA executive.

Dr. Roswell D. Merrick, assistant dean of the College of Education at Southern Illinois University and vice-president of the Association, is one of four NAIA executives who will select opponents for the first annual National Football Classic in Little Rock, Ark. The two top teams out of some 450 NAIA member schools will be picked to play in Little Rock's municipal Stadium Dec. 8.

Merrick said the teams will receive only "bare expenses" out of the game. "All profits, if there are any, will be used to defray expenses of other less popular NAIA tournament sports such as golf and tennis," Merrick said.

"This is not a typical 'bowl' game in the current sense, because we don't believe in extending the season an extra month for a grand spectacle," Merrick said. "However, it will provide an opportunity for our best so-called 'small school' teams to get the recognition they deserve. Our annual basketball tournament in Kansas City has proved that the best in small-school sports compares with the best anywhere in the country."

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ATTENTION: Farm Editors

SIU COUNTRY COLUMN

by Albert Meyer

The arrival of fall, signalling the maturing of grass pastures, and the approach of freezing weather which will end legumes for good grazing means that farmers having dairy cattle in production should be thinking about supplementing pasture with some hay or silage. Grain feeding also should be increased according to the cows' volume of milk production. The better the cow as a milk producer, the more supplementing will be necessary if the volume of milk flow is to stay up.

The main reason for feeding concentrates is to supplement the roughages. The amount of protein required in the grain mixture depends entirely upon the roughage quality.

Poor quality roughage--such as non-legume hay which is weedy or was damaged by rain while being cured--requires as high as 20 percent total protein in supplemental feeding. On the other hand, high quality legume roughage requires only about eight percent total protein.

Unfortunately, most roughages available for feeding to dairy cattle in this area are not of this high quality, according to Howard Olson, a dairy specialist at Southern Illinois University.

Here are general rules to follow in choosing the concentrate required:

When the roughage is high quality pasture or an excellent grade of legume hay or silage, supplement with 8 to 11 percent protein.

With medium quality legume or good grass-legume mixture hays and grass silage, use 11 to 14 percent protein. A common feeding practice in this same group could be good quality legume hay and corn silage with the added protein.

When feeding low protein roughages, such as stemmy legume hays and average quality grass hays or grass and corn silage, supplement with 14 to 17 percent protein.

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The poorest quality roughages, such as over-ripe grass hay, straw, or corn stover need 17 to 20 percent protein. However, such roughage ought to be fed only to dry cattle or used for emergencies. A high producing cow deserves and needs better roughages if she is to keep up her normal flow of milk. If the cow is allowed to go down in milk production because of an unbalanced ration, it is difficult to get the volume back up again.

The amount of grain needed per cow depends on the volume as well as the fat content of milk produced. Hence, some breeds of dairy cattle require more grain than others. A suggestion is that Holstein, Brown Swiss and Ayrshire dairy cows receive one pound of grain for every four pounds of milk produced. Jerseys and Guernseys require a little heavier proportion of grain--one pound to three pounds of milk.

Dairy specialists say that grain available on the farm ought to make up the bulk of the grain mixture, adding enough soybean meal or other high protein feed to bring the total up to the level needed for the kind of roughage used. Usually the supplement with the highest percent of protein is the most economical to use with farm grown grains.

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ATTENTION: Farm Editors

CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Now approaching maturity on the Carbondale Cooperative Agronomy Research Center at Southern Illinois University are the station's first variety and cultural trials with grain type sorghums. The testing program is being carried on by soils and crops specialists from SIU and the University of Illinois, joint operators of the Research Center.

Herbert L. Portz, SIU crops specialist, reports that the grain sorghum trials contain 24 varieties, including both open-pollinated and hybrid types suitable for combine harvesting (approximately four feet tall). In addition to yield data, researchers are observing disease resistance, plant height and maturity dates. All varieties are being compared with U.S. 13 hybrid corn.

In the cultural trials a series of plots is being used to compare two varieties each of grain and the taller forage sorghums with corn in responses to various applications of nitrogen fertilizer. The grain sorghum cultural trials also include a study of plant spacing in the row.

Portz says grain sorghum trials have been increased substantially in Illinois this year, although commercial production in the state is not heavy. The crop has been important in areas subject to dry, warm climates. Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and the Texas Panhandle region are important producers.

The feeding value of sorghum grain is comparable to corn, and the yield outlook of the grain variety trials is promising. Some troublesome problems are damage from insects and birds and the fact that combining must be delayed until the grain moisture content is low--usually after frost. The moisture of sorghum grain intended for storage purposes must be reduced to 12 or 12½ percent, but may be higher if used for feed during the winter months, Portz says.

Most varieties of forage sorghums seemed to be more susceptible to leaf blight than the corn in this year's tests at the Carbondale station.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- A reception, tour and dinner session program have been arranged for the annual fall meeting of the Southern Illinois Historical Society at Southern Illinois University, October 19, according to Mrs. William A. Pitkin, Carbondale, secretary-treasurer.

Society members will be guests at a public pre-publication reception from 3 to 5 p.m. in the University Cafeteria. The event will honor geographer Charles C. Colby, Chicago, whose new book, "A Pilot Study of Southern Illinois," will be published by the SIU University Press October 20. Following the reception there will be a conducted tour of Southern's new library building where local materials will be featured in an exhibit.

John Clifford, SIU social science librarian, will discuess "Local Historical Collections at Southern Illinois University" during the evening dinner session, outlining types of material available, kinds of additional material sought, and how collections are being used. A musical program will feature William Z. Taylor, baritone, and Robert E. Mueller, pianist, of the SIU faculty.

Mrs. Pitkin says dinner reservations are due by October 17.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Becoming nursemaid to eight helpless two-day-old orphaned pigs at the Southern Illinois University swine center had SIU swine specialist Joseph Burnside thoroughly worried, but all has turned out well.

Recent experience gained in helping Mrs. Burnside prepare formulas and giving a bottle to Jeb, the Burnside's new firstborn son, gave "Joe" confidence.

The little pigs were moved to a box in the Burnside garage, made comfortable wit heat lamps, and fed a Burnside-concocted formula of fresh milk to which was added one raw egg per quart, some sugar, minerals and antibiotics. Spare nursing bottles and nipples from the Burnside shelves came in handy for feeding the pigs every four hours during the first week. Mrs. Burnside helped with the job.

Already the pigs have outgrown their box and now greet the Burnsides' appearance with a chorus of delighted squeals from a farrowing crate that has been moved into the garage to curtail the pigs' activities. Instead of the original two or three ounces of formula, each now down 12 to 14 ounces at a feeding. When they are three and one-half weeks old they will be moved from the garage to the University swine center for creep-feeding on pre-starter rations.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Youth is the keynote of Southern Illinois University's cross country team as it prepares for its season opener minus any of last year's lettermen, including 1956 captain Bernard Kabat, Waltonville.

With the opening meet against Western Illinois set for here Oct. 10, SIU Coach Leland P. (Doc) Lingle has only one veteran runner: Richard Gregory of St. Louis, a returning serviceman.

Kabat has quit school to work in Colorado, while another letterman, Bob Kaczynski of Chicago, has transferred to a college near his home. Three of last year's lettermen, Howard Branch, Mounds; Ron Helberg, Evergreen Park; and Larry Havens, Hurst, are all sidelined with injuries and may skip cross country this season. Another veteran runner, Joe Betts, Vernon (correct), married recently and has dropped out of cross country to spend more hours on his part-time job.

Most promising in early-season workouts are Gregory, Ray Canterberry, Mt. Morris, a member of last year's track squad; and the following freshmen: Robert Caldwell, Albion; Carl Meier, Altamont; Lawrence Spann, Chicago (Bloom High School); James Richter, Troy; and Robert Clauss, Elmhurst.

Lingle plans to appoint a different captain for each meet.

Western was favored in SIU's opening meet here Wednesday (Oct. 10). Paced by Daniel Ryan, who finished third in last year's Interstate Conference cross country meet, Western was given a definite edge on the inexperienced Salukis.

Southern's other meets: Oct. 19--Eastern, here; Oct. 26--at Normal; Nov. 1 (tentative), at University of Chicago; Nov. 3 (tentative), Illinois State Meet at Wheaton; Nov. 10--IIAC meet at Northern.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- A timetable of events for Southern Illinois University' annual Homecoming Oct. 25-27 has been announced by Clyde Reynolds, student chairman (506 N. 26th), East St. Louis.

The gala mixture of music, floats, football and dancing will get underway with a "kick-off" assembly at 10 a.m. (Thursday), Oct. 25, at McAndrew Stadium. That evenin at 7:30 in Shryock Auditorium the 1956 Homecoming Queen will be crowned.

On Friday night (Oct. 26), students will gather around a bonfire for a 6:30 p.m. pep rally preceding the Homecoming play, "Night Must Fall", beginning at 8:15 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium. The Homecoming Queen's formal reception is scheduled for 10 p.m. at Woody Hall.

Biggest day will be Saturday (Oct. 27), which will open with alumni breakfasts from 8 to 10 a.m. The Homecoming parade through downtown Carbondale, featuring colorful floats and area high school bands, will begin at 10 a.m. The SIU Ag Club will sponsor a chicken barbecue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the campus.

Alumni luncheons will be held from noon to 1 p.m. The football game, Southern versus Western Illinois, will begin at 2 p.m. at McAndrew Stadium. From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the Carbondale Lions Club will sponsor a ham barbecue.

Two stage show performances, a concert, and a dance will climax Homecoming activities Saturday night.

The stage show, featuring Jaye P. Morgan, the Hilltoppers, and Buddy Mareno and his orchestra, will be presented at 7 and 9 p.m. at Shryock Auditorium. Johnny Long and his orchestra will present a concert at 7 p.m. and will play for a dance from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the Carbondale National Guard Armory.

From 11 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., "early bird" breakfasts will be served at the University Cafeteria.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Southern Illinois University, known more for its rushing than its aerial attack, may take to the air in an IIAC clash against Eastern Illinois at Charleston Saturday (Oct. 13) afternoon.

SIU completed 12 of 27 passes for a total of 162 yards in losing a hard-fought 26-20 game to Bradley University last Thursday (Oct. 4). Making 26 of the passes, including one for a touchdown, was quarterback Bill Norwood, Centralia.

Southern Coach Al Kawal had high praise for his squad's passing game against Bradley. Kawal not only paid tribute to Norwood, but added, "I think one of the big reasons for our good passing was improvement in blocking in the line and better work by the pass receivers."

Standing out in the pass receiving departments were David Miles, Maplewood, Mo., and Robert Batura, Danvers, Mass. Miles caught four passes without a miss for a total of 91 yards while Batura snagged four for 52 yards.

SIU outrushed Bradley, 197-134, and outgained Bradley in total yardage, 359-297, Southern also led in first downs, 20-13, but long-scoring plays gave the Braves the margin of victory.

Kawal said that SIU had some "beautiful blocking and execution" against Bradley, but that tackling was "rusty" and that some serious mistakes on defense cost the Salukis the game.

Injuries have hurt Southern all season, but the situation is improved now and barring last-minute mishaps in practice, the Salukis may be near full strength for the Eastern contest. Expected to return as the starting left end is Marion Rushing, Pinckneyville, who didn't play in the Bradley game because of a leg injury.

After a slow start, Eastern rallied last week in its IIAC opener to down Illinois Normal, 14-6, establishing the Panthers as a "dark horse" in the Interstate race.

Probable SIU starters in Saturday's game: LE--Rushing; LT--Gene Krolak, Chicago; LG--Carl Teets, Elgin, or Tim Bowers, Murphysboro; C--John Abromovitch, Haverhill, Mass.; RG--Jim McCann, West Frankfort; RT--Ed Hayes, San Francisco, Calif.; RE--John Gelch, Sesser; QB--Norwood; LH--Ranette Lewis, East St. Louis; RH--Carver Shannon, Corinth, Miss.; and FB--Richard White, St. Louis.

Southern's next home game will be a night contest against Eastern Michigan, Saturday, Oct. 20.

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NEWS from Bill Lyons
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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Two Carbondale construction firms, a labor union, and a number of individuals will team up this weekend in a volunteer road-building project at the Education Council of 100's school camping site on Little Grassy Lake. Council membership covers the southern 31 counties of Illinois.

Clyde V. Winkler, chairman of the Council's Outdoor Education Committee, announced today that the J. W. McKinney Construction Company will supply a bulldozer and the Triangle Construction Company a road grader for putting in a one-fourth to one-half mile stretch of road from the edge of Giant City State Park into the Council's leased acreage along the lake's southeastern shoreline.

Volunteer workers will be provided by Common Laborers Local No. 227, Winkler said. Ralph Dillow of Carbondale will operate the bulldozer. Others helping in the project are Harold Crowell, Springmore School principal; John T. Moake, recreation director for Carbondale Park District; and William A. Howe, Physical Plant director at Southern Illinois University.

"We will welcome all the volunteer workers we can recruit," the committee chairman said. "Men and boys wearing work clothes and carrying axes will be needed for brush clearing."

Under a lease agreement with the federal government, the Council must spend $10,000 for initial development of the 570-acre outdoor education area within a year.

Named "Si-Bo-Gi", an abbreviation for "Southern Illinois Boys and Girls", the camp eventually will provide supervised outdoor experiences for school children throughout the southern 31 counties and other areas of the state.

An abandoned farmhouse recently discovered on the property will be renovated to become "Lodge No. 1". The building is located on a scenic hilltop some 300 yards from the lake.

Future meetings of the Council's Outdoor Education Committee will be held at the camp site, Winkler said.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct.--High school choruses from 17 Southern Illinois communities will participate in the annual High School Choral Clinic at Southern Illinois University Saturday (Oct. 13). Kenneth Jewell, choral superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools System will direct the massed groups.

Following a full day of rehearsal the complement of an estimated 1,000 singers, including SIU's A Capella Choir under director Floyd Wakeland, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium. The public is invited to the free concert.

Participating schools and directors are:

ASHLEY: Paul Daniels

BENTON: Janet Hooper

CARBONDALE (University): Leah Bradley Sims

CARLYLE: Thomas J. Lampe

CENTRALIA: J. T. Alexander

CHESTER: Wayne Thorne

COBDEN: Mrs. Don West

HERRIN: Roy C. Eastin

HURST-BUSH: Pauline Morris

JOHNSTON CITY: Gladys Sullivan

MARION: Phillip Eigenmann

METROPOLIS: Robert Gray

MT. VERNON: W.H. Beckmeyer and Bernard Cervini

SALEM: Charlotte Holt

SESSER: Jane Ann Dunning

THEBES: Edna Walker

WEST FRANKFORT: Belle Longbons

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Tests of General Educational Development will be administered Nov. 2-3 at Southern Illinois University, according to Jack W. Graham, testing supervisor.

Any Illinois resident 21 or over desiring to take the tests to qualify for a high school diploma must bring a letter from his high school principal. The letter should indicate that upon successful completion of the tests the school will grant a diploma, Graham said.

Testing will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at University School Studio Theater. A day and a half of tests is required.

GED tests are offered without charge at Southern the first Friday and Saturday of each month.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Harry F. Truitt, Vandalia, has been elected president of the Educational Council of 100, Inc., succeeding Mrs. E. H. Schaller of Waterloo.

A charter member of the Council, Truitt has served as director and second vice-president. He is assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Vandalia and is a past district governor of Lions International. Truitt is married and has three children.

Concerned with problems of education in southern Illinois, the Council includes in its membership both educators and laymen. The organization's most ambitious project is the development of a vast school camping site on Little Grassy Lake near Giant City State Park.

Other Council officers elected at a recent meeting (Oct. 9) at Southern Illinois University are: Mrs. Ruth Throgmorton, Carbondale, first vice-president; Bert Michels, Olney, second vice-president; and Russell Rendleman, Anna, secretary-treasurer.

District directors chosen are: Mrs. E. H. Schaller, Waterloo; T. E. Burdin, Carlyle; Ed Brubeck, Mt. Carmel; Martin Schaffer, Hoyleton; Dr. William Mohlenbrock, Murphysboro; Mr. Carl Rude, Harrisburg; and J. C. McCormick, Olmstead.

At the meeting, O. H. Roberts, Evansville, Ind., attorney, praised the Council for its leadership in promoting educational projects.

Terming schools "our number one national problem," Roberts pointed to encouraging signs indicating that "at last citizens are becoming genuinely interested and informed about educational needs."

Roberts is immediate past president of the National School Boards Association, Inc., and is a trustee of the National Citizens Council for Better Schools.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct.--A proposed course of study in grammar and composition from grade levels seven through 12 will be presented to members of the Southern Illinois Association of English Teachers during the annual fall meeting at Southern Illinois University Friday (Oct. 19).

A business meeting and election of officers is also scheduled at the 11 a.m. session in the Library Auditorium. Dr. John E. Grinnell, dean of the Southern's College of Education, will speak to the group at a luncheon in Woody Hall dining room.

Dr. G. C. Camp, assistant professor of English at SIU and secretary-treasurer of the group, said the course of study is designed to "bring much-needed continuity to the study of English essentials in grade schools and high schools." He said SIAET members in schools throughout the 25 southernmost counties of Illinois worked on the plan.

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CARMI, ILLINOIS-- Oct. 10 -- Willis G. Swartz, Dean of the Graduate School at Southern Illinois University was elected Governor of District 216, Rotary International, Wednesday afternoon at the District Conference at Carmi. Swartz was the only nominee, and the vote was by acclamation.

Swartz, who succeeds Wade East of Carmi has been active on district fellowship committees and has introduced dozens of students from foreign countries to Rotary Clubs throughout Southern Illinois. He was formerly a member of the National Council of American Association of University Professors and has been prominent in church and community affairs.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct.--More than 100 persons taking a two-hour course offered by Southern Illinois University can stay home but do not have the opportunity to raise their hands for questions.

The course, "Critical Issues in the Public Schools", is being taught entirely be radio and a printed discussion guide.

Hour-long programs, tape recorded at the SIU Radio Service studios, are being presented at 9 p.m. (CST) each Monday over Radio Station KMOX in St. Louis. First "class session" was Oct. 8. The dates of Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 will be skipped, and the final program will be Feb. 4, making a total of 16 periods. A final examination will be given on the SIU campus.

Registrations from high school graduates or any persons over 21 years old will continue to be accepted until Oct. 22. The enrollment fee is $7.05. Enrollment had reached 116 at the time of the first broadcast.

Among the topics to be discussed are "Advantages and Disadvantages of Federal Aid to Education (Oct. 29), "How Can the Schools Attract More and Better Teachers?" (Nov. 12), "Responsibility of the School for Preventing Delinquency" (Dec. 10), and "Can Johnny Read As Well As His Parents?" (Jan.7).

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct.--Corn yields from 72 commercial hybrid corn varieties will be compared during a Corn Field Day October 25 (Thursday) at Shawnee High School near Wolf Lake, Ill., according to Herbert Portz, Southern Illinois University crops specialist in charge of local arrangements. The Carbondale, Agronomy Research Center, jointly operated by the University of Illinois and SIU, will sponsor the event.

Farmers and seedsmen attending the event will see and hear about the results of the Extreme Southern Illinois Corn Performance Test Plots and other experimental hybrid corn trials located in the Mississippi River bottom area near Wolf Lake.

Field day activities will begin at 2 p.m. at the high school, regardless of weather, with specialists from SIU and the University of Illinois discussing hybrid corn breeding techniques, results of fertility studies, corn disease and insects, storage problems, and yields of commercial and experimental hybrids. The program also will include a tour of test plots and an exhibit of grain sorghums.

Among those on the program are Earl Leng and John Alexander, University of Illinois corn breeders; George Dungan, SIU agronomist and visiting professor; Portz; Joseph P. Vavra, SIU soils specialist. Host for the Field Day will be Irvin Arnzin, Shawnee high school vocational agriculture teacher. The high school is located beside State Highway 3 one-half mile south of Wolf Lake.

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THE DISAPPEARING SORGHUM MILLS

John W. Allen
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This is the season for sorghum making in southern Illinois. Perhaps it would be better to say it once was such a season, for sorghum making has diminished almost to the vanishing point. Until this is being written only three mills have been reported as operating in the region this fall.

Once there were many "molasses mills" in Egypt and almost every farmstead had its patch of cane intended to provide the major source of winter sweets. Now the mills and cane patches alike have all but vanished. Boys wandering over the countryside can no longer pause to gather a stalk of cane, peel it and chew the sugary juice from the pulp. Nor can they visit the sorghum mill and scrape the candied molasses from the sides of the pan with small wooden paddles and eat it. Some older persons with lingering memories colored by youthful appetites will recall such occasions with pleasure.

Some of these same older persons may mildly debate the virtues of fresh sorghum in comparison to those of maple sirup for use on hot buttered pancakes or flapjacks. If, however, one is forced to eat hot biscuits, the kind that mother made, sorghum surely stands supreme. Perhaps a Gallup poll will be necessary to decide the question.

Sorghum was once considered a staple crop. The old-time "Hoosier" one-horse grain drill was equipped with a special plate for drilling the seeds. At the same time Sears' catalog listed the large steel rollers used to crush the cane and the pans in which to boil the juice.

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Cane patches were attractive at harvest time. The leaves took on a tinge of yellow, and the stalks became blotched with a golden bloom like that seen on some ripened fruits. Large seed clusters nodded from the tops of the stalks.

Stripping and harvesting cane was no easy task, but boys did not seem to dread it. It gave them opportunity to design and make their own strippers, thin sword-like wooden implements about three feet long, often notched along the working edge. An occasional one of these strippers is yet found tucked on a rafter of some old shed or barn.

After the leaves were stripped from the stalks, the seed clusters at their tops were clipped off with a corn knife. The cane was then cut and gathered into small carefully ordered piles, to be hauled to the mill.

It was necessary to work cane before frost came for even a light frost, if followed by a shower or even a heavy dew, "would run down into the cane and ruin it." If the weather became cold enough to freeze cane stored in the yard at the mill, it was likewise ruined.

When time came for making molasses the stalks were crushed between steel rollers. This juice then went to the large evaporating pan placed on a stone or brick foundation that served as a furnace. This flat, shallow pan, some four feet wide and having baffles across it, was about twenty feet long. Juice was fed into it at one end and, boiling vigorously, was skillfully stirred along toward the other end. The scum that arose was skimmed off and sometimes fed to pigs. Skimmings gotten near the finishing end of the pan were quite sweet and were used by some to make "California" beer.

The refined molasses, by now a rich amber color, was drawn off at the chimney end of the long pan and carefully stored for winter use. The container used was often a wooden barrel made by a local cooper. A barrel of good sorghum for the winter was a treasure.

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In addition to being mixed with butter as a spread for pancakes or buscuits, sorghum was used in several other ways. A favorite use was in making molasses candy. For this purpose a small amount of water and a cup of brown sugar were sometimes added with a liberal lump of butter. This mixture was cooked in a skillet until it "haired". At this point some candy makers stirred in a pinch of baking soda. As soon as the hot mixture quit foaming it was poured into buttered tins or plates.

When sufficiently cooled, the candy could be cut into blocks like fudge. Generally, however, it was removed from the plates or tins and pulled. By carefully buttering the hands the warm candy could thus be pulled into a golden colored taffy. Formed into long rolls it then could be cut into sticks. In addition to the nourishment this candy provided, its chewing afforded a reasonable amount of exercise. It also helped to gum up all who handled it.

Another popular use of sorghum was for the making of pop corn balls. When cooled these balls were firm and could be carried about, even taken to school in the lunch pail. They were a popular confection.

The use of sorghum didn't end here. Combined with ground pepper or grated ginger and vinegar, it was made into a cough sirup or cold remedy. Whether effective or not, it certainly was pungent. Also, nothing excelled sorghum in ginger bread or ginger cookies. It was seriously questioned whether real gingerbread could be made without it.

However, one of the strangest uses for sorghum was that made in the Gallatin county courthouse at Shawneetown. When time came to paint the murals on the walls of the Circuit Court room, it was necessary that the portion of the wall to receive the painting be primed or sized in some manner. Sorghum was used for the primer.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., -- Women majoring in home economics at Southern Illinois University are not allowed to take one of the most popular courses in their department.

The course, for men only, teaches future husbands and fathers the finer points of food selection, table etiquette, grooming, clothing selection, and family relations. Dr. Eileen Quigley, home economics department chairman, is the instructor.

Seventeen students are enrolled in the course this fall. Listed by home towns, they are:

ANNA: Donald Foley (510 S. Main); William Jackson (411 N. Green)

BENLD: Robert Remmert (107 N. Second)

CHICAGO HEIGHTS: Samuel Cameli (3025 Enterprise Pk.)

DAHLGREN: Robert Mitsdarffer (Rt. 2)

EDWARDSVILLE: James R. Kesl (204 S. Charles)

ELIZABETHTOWN: Martin L. Young

ELMWOOD PARK: Robert Koepke (2830 N. 76th)

HERRIN: Charles Helleny (500 N. 12th)

HILLSBORO: George Bliss (335 E. Wood)

KANKAKEE: Ronald Earnhardt (357 S. Gordon); Wayne Raguse (905 N. Schuyler)

LITCHFIELD: Francis Mazenko (121 W. Columbia)

MARION: George Chitty (1002 W. Stockton)

MURPHYSBORO: Everett Pate (1523 Grace)

RIDGWAY: Carl Barnum

ROSICLARE: Emil Spees

SIU SPORTS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Southern Illinois University's Junior Varsity squad will try to go above the .500 mark as it clashes with Eastern Illinois' "B" team at Charleston Thursday afternoon (Oct. 18).

SIU lost to Washington University's Jayvees, 13-7, last week after edging Eastern, 13-6, in the season opener.

CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- More than 80 women students are now taking part in the Women's Athletic Association fall sports program, which is featuring hockey, tennis, modern dance, and synchronized swimming.

The activities, which are held Monday through Thursday of each week, will continue through December.

CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- All types of work, ranging from washing cars to baby sitting and ironing, will be offered to Carbondale residents as Southern Illinois University's Women's Physical Education Professional Club holds a money-raising work day here Nov. 3.

CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- For the first time, co-recreational swimming is being offered to Southern Illinois University students at the university pool each Sunday afternoon.

Suits and towels are furnished.

CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- John Gelch, Sesser, has been named Southern Illinois University football captain for the SIU--Eastern Michigan game here Saturday night. (Oct. 20).

SIU's regular captain, Bill Spratt, Salem, is not able to play this season because of an injury.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- School administrators from the southern 31 counties of Illinois will discuss state aid claims, transportation problems and school lunch programs at a meeting of the Southern Illinois Schoolmasters Club Tuesday (Oct. 16) at Southern Illinois University.

The meeting will open at 2 p.m. at University School Auditorium with talks by Samuel M. Bishop, chief statistician, and Frank Keistler, Jr., school lunch program representative, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield. Another speaker will be Dr. Orville Alexander, chairman of the SIU Government Department and research director for the Illinois School Problems Commission.

Sectional meetings, beginning at 3 p.m., will be directed by Willis R. Gholson, McLeansboro, Hamilton County superintendent of schools, city superintendents' section; Maurice Clark, Metropolis High School principal, high school principals' section; and Norman Moore, Lincoln Junior High School principal at Carbondale, elementary principals' section.

Harry Boyd, club president, will preside at a round table discussion following a 6 p.m. dinner at University Cafeteria. Boyd is superintendent of elementary schools at Benton.

Other club officers are N. A. Rosan, superintendent of Carbondale high schools, vice-president; and Earl L. Campbell, Central Junior High School principal, West Frankfort, secretary-treasurer.

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SIU SPORTS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Former Southern Illinois University track star Phil Coleman is now training in California for the Australian Olympics next month.

Coleman, who will represent the United States in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, has been training on the SIU track and a nearby golf course.

In California, Coleman will be working under Jim Kelley, head track coach at the University of Minnesota. The United States' 60-man track squad will leave for Australia Nov. 6, giving them two weeks to finish their training before the Olympic opening.

Coleman will run preliminaries Nov. 27 and if he qualifies will compete in the steeplechase finals Nov. 29. He has been going through two-a-day workouts and feels he is in good condition, but adds that 18 of the approximately 60 entered in the race have better times than his.

Coleman qualified for the Olympics by winning the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 9:00.3 at the U.S. Olympic tryouts in Los Angeles in June.

CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- A drive to send Southern Illinois University track coach Leland P. (Doc) Lingle to the November Olympics is now over the $1,250-mark.

The drive was started last month after a former SIU runner, Phil Coleman, qualified for the Olympics. Lingle has been head track coach at SIU for the past 30 years.

Goal for the drive is $1,600. The SIU Alumni Service is serving as a collection agency for the fund.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- A display of contemporary handweaving by four leading textile designers will be on exhibit at Southern Illinois University's Allyn Gallery from Friday (Oct. 19) through Nov. 9. The show, obtained by Miss Lysbeth Wallace, weaving instructor at SIU, is the third in the year's exhibition series.

Artists represented, all from New York, are Ruth Robinson Warner, Elena Cipolla, Ellen Seigel, and Mary Allard. Rugs, upholstery and drapery will be shown.

A public reception will be held in the gallery Monday (Oct. 22) from 8 to 9 p.m.

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Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- A pre-publication reception at Southern Illinois University Friday (Oct. 19,) for Dr. Charles C. Colby will highlight the forthcoming publication of Colby's "Pilot Study of Southern Illinois" by the SIU Press.

The reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in the University Cafeteria. Area residents and friends of the author are invited, according to Vernon Sternberg, Press director.

Colby, emeritus professor of geography at the University of Chicago, was on the SIU faculty while he worked on the area pilot study.

Preceding the reception, Dr. Colby will talk about his work on the pilot study at the regular noon meeting of the Carbondale Lions Club in the Elks home dining room Oct. 19.

An autographing party for Colby will be held Saturday (Oct. 20) from 10 until noon at the Baptist Bookstore in Carbondale.

Two other appearances by the author have been scheduled for October 22. Colby will be interviewed by Larry Doyle on the morning Breakfast Club program over WCIL, Carbondale, and will be the speaker at the regular Southern Illinois Incorporated directors meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Engle's restaurant, Carbondale.

Other special appearances are still to be arranged.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Carroll L. Riley, assistant professor, Southern Illinois University Museum, has received grants totaling $1633 for research in Cairo, Ill., according to Dr. J. Charles Kelley, Museum director.

The project will include a study of historical and sociological aspects of Cairo's development on the southern tip of Illinois at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. The city's relationship with neighboring Mounds and Mound City also will be considered. Riley's project will be part of the SIU Museum's broader, long-term study of cultural dynamics in the Cache River valley, Kelley says.

Riley will begin the study after returning from a fall-term leave during which he is working for the U.S. Justice Department on Indian claims in the state of Washington.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Members of the executive board of the Illinois Home Bureau Federation will inspect facilities of the home economics department at Southern Illinois University Wednesday (Oct. 24) during the organization's fall meeting (Oct. 23-25) at Giant City State Park.

Mrs. E. D. McGuire, Makanda, state Home Bureau president, said the 15-member board will hold most of its sessions at Giant City State Park Lodge.

Among the state officers planning to attend are Mrs. Leo Quinn, Henry, first vice-president; Mrs. Floyd Leonhard, Virginia, second vice-president; Mrs. Clyde Cheatham, Ava, secretary; and Mrs. Horace Smith, Greenville, treasurer.

Others attending will include Mrs. J. P. Bunch, McClure, director of the Southern District; Mrs. Milton Baupel, Ashton, immediate past president; Miss Lula Blac, Urbana, state leader in the home economics extension program; and Miss Marjorie Jean Tabor, Belleville, St. Clair County home adviser.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- The battle for second place in the Interstate Conference race will take place here Saturday (Oct. 20) night as the SIU Salukis play host to the Eastern Michigan Hurons.

Both teams sport 1-1 conference marks and are currently tied for third in the IIAC. The second place team, Illinois Normal, however, will meet league-leading Central Michigan in a game which probably will send Normal into second division.

After losing its opening loop game to Central Michigan, 32-13, SIU rallied to blank Eastern Illinois, 33-0, at Charleston Saturday (Oct. 13). Meanwhile Eastern Michigan was upset by Illinois Normal, 22-7. Eastern Michigan tied for the IIAC championship last year and is reported to have an even stronger squad this season.

Eastern's star player is halfback Kerry Keating, who raced for three touchdowns in Eastern Michigan's 21-6 win over Western Illinois two weeks ago.

Huron quarterback Bill Amell has a fine passing record and Eastern's line is heavy and experienced. Both SIU and Eastern Michigan have 2-2 marks for overall play this season.

Spearheading SIU's offensive attack is Carver Shannon, sophomore halfback from Corinth, Miss., who scored four touchdowns against Eastern Illinois to tie a league record for conference scoring in a single game. He picked up 165 yards in 12 carries in the game plus a 32-yard punt return for a touchdown. In four games he has scored 51 points.

Leading Southern's defensive player is end Marion Rushing, Pinckneyville, who broke through several times against Eastern Illinois to throw ball-carriers for losses.

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Depth in the backfield is a big asset of the Salukis this year as Coach Al Kawal has no less than a dozen backs ready to carry the ball. Reserve backs like Cecil Hart, Hillsboro; Charles Hamilton, Herrin; Don Miller, Cairo; and Paul Restivo of Herrin (who played for the first time last week after being sidelined with a pre-season injury) have looked good in recent games.

Kawal was well-pleased with his team's showing against Eastern Illinois, pointing out that the Panthers netted only 57 yards rushing while Southern picked up 297. Pass defense is still an SIU weakness, but more work on that is scheduled for practice sessions this week.

After meeting Eastern Michigan this week, SIU will host Western Illinois in the Homecoming tilt here Saturday Oct. 27.

Probable SIU starters Saturday: LE--Rushing; LT--Gene Krolak, Chicago; LG--Tim Bowers, Murphysboro; C--John Abromovitch, Haverhill, Mass.; RG--Jim McCann, West Frankfort; RT--Ed Hayes, San Francisco, Calif.; RE--John Gelch (acting captain), Cesser; QB--Bill Norwood, Centralia or Dave Wheeler, Chicago; LH--Ranette Lewis, East St. Louis or Hart; RH--Shannon; FB--Richard White, St. Louis.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Five lettermen plus several Junior Varsity players and a host of freshmen were among the more than 60 players who turned out for the opening of cage drills at Southern Illinois University this week (Oct. 15).

A lack of height, but plenty of speed may feature this year's squad. Tallest returning letterman is 6-5 Larry Whitlock, Mt. Vernon, who is the top prospect for the starting center position this year.

Other lettermen turning out for beginning drills were captain Gordon Lambert (6-3), Marion; Seymour Bryson (6-4), Quincy; Warren Talley (6-3), Pinckneyville; and Robert Welch (6-1), Centralia.

Another letterman, Marion Rushing (6-3), Pinckneyville, is expected to report at the end of the football season.

Only lettermen not returning from last year's team are guards Richard Blythe, Hammond, Ind., and Joe Johnson, Mt. Vernon; and 6-6 center Gus Doss, East St. Louis.

Blythe and Johnson graduated while Doss, who would have been scholastically ineligible, has transferred to another college.

Two of the best incoming prospects are Marvin Jones, 6-3 freshman from Lincoln High School of East St. Louis, and a returning serviceman, Frank Borgsmiller, 6-3 sophomore from Murphysboro. The tallest newcomer is Robert Holz, 6-5, a transfer student from Illinois Normal.

Among those returning from last year's team are Arlen Hill (6-2), Pinckneyville; Sammy Duane (6-2), Galatia; Garrison Newsom (6-0), Shawneetown; Charles Wade (6-1), Greggsville; Cleveland Hammonds (6-1), Alton; Clifford Christian (6-4), Patoka; Don McGee (6-5, Chester; Tom Hallan (6-3), Albion; Richard Hughes (6-2), Shawnee; Joe Gonzales (5-10), Granite City; Don Curry, Aurora; and Don Dudacek (6-2), Edwardsville.

Among the most promising newcomers are two Southern Illinois guards, Richard (Itchy) Jones (5-8), Herrin, and Don Griffin (5-7), West Frankfort.

"Considering their size," said Holder, "these two were among the best high school guards in the state last year."

"The big question is not their height but whether they can get their shots off quick enough against tall opponents," he added. "Both have the advantage of being shifty."

If Borgsmiller and Marvin Jones break into the top 10 as forwards, Holder said he may shift Bryson, Talley, and Welch to guard positions.

Other candidates reporting for drills were Larry Underwood, Piggott, Ark.; Jim Goodall (a transfer student from Centralia Junior College), Odin; Cliff Helfrick, Belleville; Edwin Bertrand, Andy Salm, Bill Pepin, Jim Fraley and Bob Wormley, all of Kankakee; Dick Miller, East St. Louis; Sam Candi, DeKalb; Jim Shaw, Thebes; Leonard Schecter, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Gene Sams, Albion; James Shrader, Quincy; Richard Ruggles, Tom Morrell, and Peter Leonos, Lynn, Mass.; Jim Roper, Brookport; Earl Fisher, Collinsville; Larry Harris, Eldorado; Larry Taylor, Harrisburg; and A. Vilinski, Portland, Maine.

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SIU COUNTRY COLUMN
By Albert Meyer

Southern Illinois farmers are working at full speed harvesting corn and soybeans. Yields are bountiful in most instances and grain quality is good.

In storing such grain on the farm, it is important that the farmer take precautions for protecting and maintaining quality. Preventing insect infestation or other contamination is the best policy.

Before putting in new crop grains, thoroughly clean the storage bins, removing waste grain from cracks, corners, and floor--outside as well as inside. Empty bins which are insect infested should be sprayed with a disinfectant, such as 2.5 percent DDT or methoxychlor. A home mixed spray composed of dormant tree spray oil, lye and water will do well, too. For ten gallons of mixture use one gallon of the spray oil, three ounces of lye, and nine gallons of water. One gallon will cover 50 square feet of bin surface.

Of course, there is no point in all this effort if dirty grain is to be stored in a clean bin. Be sure the grain is cleaned of dirt, chaff, cobs and other foreign material which may contain insects and eggs. Not only should the bins be clean, but also the harvesting machinery and the wagons used for hauling the grain. The first two or three bushels of grain that pass through the combine or sheller are best used for livestock feed instead of storage.

Grain moisture content also must be right. Unless unusually clean and not to be stored for longer than a year, shelled corn--as well as wheat, oats and barley--should not have moisture content exceeding 13 percent. Clean, dry grain is not so attractive to insects nor as favorable to their propagation as is dirty or high moisture grain.

Grain intended for use as food may be treated with certain protective powders which are spread over the surface of a load of grain or applied to the stream of grain as it is elevated into the bin.

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Such powders, properly applied, may effectively protect the grain for six to nine months. If the temperature or moisture content is high, the protective powders may be less effective. They do little good if the grain already is infested.

Fumigating is a good procedure for controlling insect infestation in stored grain. One good ready-mixed fumigant is a three to one mixture of ethylene dichloride and carbon tetrachloride. There are others.

Bins should be tightly lined with heavy building paper or sheet metal to hold in the fumigant. Grain stored in steel bins usually requires only about half as much fumigant as that stored in wooden bins. Level the grain so that six to eight inches of the side wall extends above the grain surface to aid penetration by the fumigant which otherwise might "roll" over the sides of the bin.

Six to eight gallons, applied with a bucket-type or small tank sprayer, will treat 1,000 bushels of grain in a wooden bin. A warm day when grain temperature is above 60 degrees and when there is no wind blowing should be selected for applying the fumigant. After fumigation, cover the grain surface with a canvas to prevent surface evaporation.

Wearing a gas mask of some kind will be helpful if it is necessary to get into the bid for spraying. The fumigant gas is not highly poisonous to man but it will irritate the eyes and throat, so it is desirable to get out of the bin as soon as possible after application and not re-enter until it has been thoroughly ventilated. The bin should be kept closed from one to four or five days. The first fumigation ought to come two to four weeks after harvest and may protect the grain for nine months or a year, but is is a good practice to inspect the grain every month to see if any insect damage is showing up.

Fumigation of stored ear corn is not highly effective or economical. It usually has 18 to 20 percent moisture when stored and is put into open bins which cannot be sealed easily for fumigation. If such corn is to be stored for more than six months it is a good idea to shell and clean it for storage in a tight bin because by then the moisture has dropped to around 13 percent. Then it can be properly treated for longer storage.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- A grass-roots sampling of informed public opinion on the nation's international responsibilities gets underway in Carbondale Monday (Oct. 22) when a "work group" of 25 area citizens meets here to discuss "The American Citizen's Stake in the Progress of Less Developed Areas of the World."

The topic is one of five blueprinted for discussion by similar groups throughout the country in the next two years. The program, set up by the U.S. State Department and the National Commission for UNESCO, is aimed at providing government policymakers with an accurate review of "responsible public sentiment."

The Carbondale program, initiated by Southern Illinois University at the request of the State Department, will be piloted by a 31-man sponsoring committee headed by Willis G. Swartz, dean of the Graduate School at Southern. About half of the committee members will serve on the first work group.

Discussion of the first topic will continue with weekly meetings for five weeks. A second work group will be invited to gather for five more weeks next spring to discuss the topic, "Our Moral and Spiritual Resources for International Cooperation."

Dr. Frank Klingberg, professor of government at SIU, said the University is one of some 20 midwestern institutions selected to organize the series. He said "the State Department is extremely interested in this project as a means of encouraging citizen study and orienting themselves to public opinion."

Dr. G. C. Wiegand, of the economics department at Southern will serve as discussion leader for the first topic.

Sponsoring committee members from SIU are Dean Raymond H. Dey, Dr. Richard C. Franklin, Dean John Grinnell, Dr. Klingberg, Dr. Robert G. Layer, John McDermott, Dr. Vera L. Peacock, Mrs. William A. Pitkin, Mrs. Alice P. Rector, Miss E. Opal Stone, Ross Jean Fligor, William H. Lyons and Dean Swartz.

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Other members are:

BENTON: Guy Hitt

CARBONDALE: J. A. Anderson, W. A. Doughterty, Charles Feirich, Mrs. Charles Foote, Rev. W. John Harris, Dan Lurie, Paul McRoy, Mrs. J. W. Neckers, R. A. Schmidt, John L. Thomas.

DONGOLA: Guy Karraker

HERRIN: Taffie Helleny

MARION: Oscar Schafale

MT. VERNON: Dr. Merle Lumbattis

MURPHYSBORO: E. R. Tomlinson.

W. FRANKFORT: Mrs. Stella Collins, Harry Herrell.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct.--Southern Illinois University anthropology students and SIU Museum staff members will be busy for weeks unpacking archaeological specimens which arrived a week ago from Durango, Mexico, where members of the 1956 SIU summer field session excavated the material.

One and three-fourths tons of specimens, packed in 15 large wooden boxes, arrived by truck. Dr. J. Charles Kelley, Museum director, says this is much more than was obtained during the 1954 field session in Mexico. It includes pottery and stone artifacts, such as projectile points, axes and grinding stones, beads, figurines, carved bone, and spindle whorls.

Twenty-five students from SIU and other colleges and universities were enrolled in the Museum field session, working at the Schroeder site near Durango City where excavation was started by SIU in 1954.

The 1956 group unearthed more than 20 burials in an older part of the site. The field party excavated a pyramid and its surrounding complex of courtyards, platforms and stairs, and a large L-shaped ceremonial structure with large courtyard, platform and several small rooms. Most of the materials recovered belong to the Chalchihuites culture, dating between 600 A.D. and 1300 A.D., Kelley says. Some structures belonged to other cultural occupations, also. The horned serpent decorative motif is common to a number of the pottery specimens.

In addition to excavations at the Schroeder site under the direction of Kelley and Howard Winters, Museum instructor, the field session included surface reconnaissance in the high Sierra Madre mountains by four graduate students under Dr. Glenn Cole, University of Chicago anthropologist. Dr. Carroll Riley of the SIU Museum staff supervised the gathering of native Mexican medicinal herbs for the Museum's botannical collection.

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SIU COUNTRY COLUMN
By Albert Meyer

Youths today--either farm or city reared--have more opportunities in agriculture than they realize.

This was obvious as we thumbed through a little booklet, "Careers Ahead," issued a year or so ago by the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities

A college education is becoming increasingly important for any person who expects to grasp many of the opportunities that exist in agriculture--even if he plans to become a successful dirt farmer. Naturally, a farm youth preparing himself for a job in agriculture has a running start on his city cousin because he already has learned many fundamentals about agriculture.

Agriculture may be called a basic industry because it supplies food, much of our fiber, and some building materials. Nearly 40 percent of the available jobs in this country are connected in some way with agriculture--either directly on the farm, in some field that serves farmers, or in processing and distributing farm products.

The booklet says there are more than 500 distinct occupations in eight major fields of agriculture. Few persons have stopped long enough to realize this or to connect many of them with agriculture. The eight fields are: agricultural research, industry, business, education, communications, conservation, farming and ranching, and agricultural services. Each has many subdivisions.

Research, for instance, is of increasing importance in modern agriculture and needs 1,000 new college graduates each year to keep up with the demand. It is research that has made it possible for 35 percent fewer farmers to produce 44 percent more food and fiber on American farms today than in 1940.

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The field of agricultural industry is looking for 3,000 new college graduates annually. There are big opportunities in the farm equipment and farm building fields. Some industrial fields are highly dependent on college-trained persons. Consider the dairy manufacturing field, for example. The agricultural colleges graduate only about 150 majors in this field per year, yet the industry estimates that it can place 1,000 such graduates annually for the next five years or so. This field requires special training with emphasis on science and business subjects.

So the story goes on through each of the eight fields of endeavor. Estimates are that agriculture needs 15,000 new college graduates each year, but there are only 8,500 agricultural graduates annually to meet this demand. The opportunities, therefore look bright for those who qualify. The fields of service are so varied that nearly every interested young person may find one or more suited to his individual interests and aptitudes.

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CARBONDALE, Ill., Oct. -- Charles Henry Campbell, director of the British Information Services branch in Washington, D.C., will be the first Elijah P. Lovejoy lecturer in journalism for 1955-56 at Southern Illinois University, according to Dr. Howard R. Long, chairman of the SIU journalism department.

Campbell will be on the SIU campus Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 7-9, lecturing to journalism classes and meeting informally with students at coffee sessions.

On Thursday (Nov. 8), he will speak at a 10 a.m. freshman convocation in Shryock Auditorium and at a "ladies night" meeting of the Carbondale Rotary Club.

A native of England, Campbell attended Tulane University and was for many years a newspaperman in New Orleans. During World War II, as press officer for the United Kingdom delegation, he attended a dozen international meetings, including the United Nations Conference at San Francisco and the Monetary Conference at Bretton Woods.

He was press officer during visits to this country of Queen Elizabeth II, then Princess Elizabeth, and the Queen Mother. In 1949, Campbell was made an officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

This is the fourth year for the Lovejoy Lecture series at Southern. Other lecturers have included Hodding Carter, publisher of the Greenville, Miss., Delta Democrat-Times; H. Clay Tate, editor of the Bloomington, Ill., Pantagraph; Basil L. Walters, executive editor of Knight Newspapers; Douglas B. Cornell of the Associated Press; and Charles C. Clayton, past president of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity, and now a member of the SIU journalism department.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Thirteen of the nation's foremost product, shelter and visual designers have been engaged for a series of lectures at Southern Illinois University, according to Harold Cohen, head of the SIU design department. Each of the visiting lecturers will give a public address during his stay at Southern.

Cohen said all but one of the public lectures will be given on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. Geodesic dome designer Buckminster Fuller will give an address on Monday, Dec. 10.

Leading off the series Wednesday (Oct. 24) will be Robert Fickle, a free-lance product and visual designer currently teaching at the Illinois Institute of Design in Chicago. For the past three years he has served as a design consultant to General Motors and International Business Machines.

Chicagoan Edward Jedno, whose specialty is typographic elements in the medium of photography, will lecture on Nov. 7. He will speak on design improvements made by the British Railway System within the past 10 years.

Charles Eames, one of the world's leading design experts, will speak on Dec. 5. Now directing his own film company, Eames is most noted for his moulded plastic and plywood chair designs.

Fuller, who spent the summer at SIU conducting a graduate design seminar, will be followed on Jan. 9 by Arthur Siegel of Chicago, color photographer for "Life" magazine. Siegel is former director of the IID's photography department.

John Walley, head of the design department at the University of Illinois' Navy Pier Division, will speak on Jan. 23. A well-known lecturer and outstanding sculptor, Walley originally formulated the design program at the Illinois Institute.

New Yorker Al Sherman, assistant art director of NBC, is scheduled for Feb. 6. A former instructor at the University of Wisconsin and the Illinois Institute of Design, Sherman supervises television art work for the network.

Elsa Kula, photographic collage innovator whose clients include the Inland Steel Corporation, Container Corporation of America and Schlitz Brewing Co., will be the speaker Feb. 20. A graduate of Pratt Institute and the Institute of Design, she studied under designer Moholy Nagy.

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Charles Forberg, New York designer currently planning interiors for Pan-American Airways' proposed jet airliner fleet, will speak May 15. A graduate of the Harvard School of Architecture, Forberg also has designed European office interiors for Pan-American.

The series will be concluded May 29 with a lecture by Edgar Kauffman, art historian and former design director for the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Kauffman, a leading lecturer and authority on the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, is currently directing a seminar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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SOME ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN

John W. Allen
Southern Illinois University

For a long time it has been customary for young folks to fall in love, become engaged, and get married. Despite the many casualties that have occurred along the matrimonial highway, the practice remains popular; in fact, its popularity seems to increase.

Last year, according to a magazine article at hand, there were approximately one and a half million marriages in the United States. During the same interval, however, some 400,000 couples were unmarried, that is, divorced. Though the net gain was great, the divorce rate was staggering, there being about 27 divorces for each hundred marriages.

This high casualty rate came about despite the well-intentioned services of marriage counsellors, social workers, ministers, friendly judges, writers of "advice to the lovelorn" columns, and a host of others that might be grouped under the general classification of 'do-gooders'. Observing the failure of so many to achieve the domestic happiness desired, it was decided to look about for some untapped source of guidance.

A neglected stockpile of purported wisdom soon was found in the mass of half-forgotten folklore once in common circulation in Southern Illinois and relating to love, courtship and marriage. In fact it was then in general circulation everywhere.

The amount of lore clustering about love, courtship and marriage is voluminous. As this is written, 832 signs and sayings already have been found. There may be as many more. Even if not so helpful as they might be, this new stockpile should provide materials to somewhat relieve the monotony of the usual stock answers.

It is not possible here to classify and organize the signs and sayings that have come to attention. The best that can be done is to offer spot samplings. First, it should be known that these gems of wisdom are generally offered for the guidance of girls. Obviously, the boy always has been deemed the more fortunate one, no matter what the fates dealt out to him. After all, he was considered the hunted. (MORE)

It might be well to use a few of the many available bits of guidance in a logical way. For instance, if a girl is definitely marked to be an old maid, she could recognize that fact early, reconcile herself to the fate awaiting her, and cease worrying. Such action would also prevent her complicating the situation for other girls with a kinder fate in store.

Here are some signs of approaching spinsterhood which every young woman should know: The aspiring young lass must not scorch the clothes being ironed. If setting the table, she must be careful not to place two forks at the same plate. This fork dictum evidently originated before the advent of salad, pickle, oyster, olive and other forks now available. Should the young lady decide to make coffee, she must not look into the boiling pot. When time comes to drink coffee, she must not curl her little finger while holding the cup; nor must she sit on her foot; neither must she "dunk" her bread or cake. If she drops and breaks a cup, her fate is definitely sealed.

Girls hoping to marry must not develop a fondness for cats. If they bake bread, and they often did years ago, they must not let it burn. At meals they must not take the last piece of bread or cake. Some held that taking the next to last biscuit (see dictionary) would blight matrimonial prospects. With these and about 50 other warning signs, it was indeed a rugged course that awaited the ambitious girl.

On the other hand there were some good signs. If a bird flew into the house and the young lady of the house saw it first, she would marry before the year's end. Feeding a cat from an old shoe helped along toward marriage. If a cat, for which the aspiring maiden must form no liking, washed its face and immediately after looked at her, all would be well. There were other good signs to cheer the maid along, not so many good as bad, however.

In those cases where signs had not definitely assigned spinsterhood as her lot, the question of "just who" naturally arose. Could she pick and choose or should she be satisfied with less than her choice? Willing to meet requirements, the choice was hers. If she could, with thumbs and fingers alone, split an apple into halves, no man could escape her grasp. Lacking the physical strength indicated, a weaker girl could eat a four-leaf clover and acquire the coveted power. (MORE)

If clover were out of season, she could walk, unassisted, seven lengths of railroad irons without stepping off. If neither railroad irons or four-leaf clovers were at hand, she could eat the raw heart of a chicken or, better yet, one from a duck.

For those with squeamish appetites, a milder remedy could be employed. A feather from the tail of a rooster could be secreted in the glove of her hand-shaking hand. If she could then contrive to shake the hand of the desired one, he became her pawn. There were other ways.

These are only a few samplings of the bountiful lore related to love, courtship and marriage. There were signs and sayings to guide at every turn. Perhaps the wisdom embodied in these bits of old lore could provide new thought for those who would advise. At least they are different. Some, however, will ignore all suggestions and later listen only to the voice of experience.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- A billion dollars a year is not enough to meet present day educational needs in Illinois, Raymond L. Foster, president of the Illinois Education Association Southern Division, told members of the organization at an annual meeting Friday (Oct. 19) at Southern Illinois University.

"That figure will become even more inadequate as enrollments, commodity costs, and the demand for services increase," Foster added.

The last General Assembly appropriation for state educational needs amounted to slightly over two billion dollars for covering a two-year period, said Foster, a member of the SIU chemistry department.

Another speaker, State Sen. Charles W. Clabaugh, Champaign, chairman of the Illinois School Problems Commission, praised the last two sessions of the legislature "for making it possible for every school district, from the richest to the poorest, to buy a foundation program of education for each child."

Clabaugh referred to legislation allowing local districts to levy additional school taxes, combined with record state school appropriations.

The senator said one of his "gravest concerns" regarding schools is "waste of teacher time and talent by continued intrusion of outside activities." He called upon communities to re-emphasize the educational function of schools "instead of making them custodial institutions for the entertainment of children and the relief of parents from jobs rightfully theirs."

The teachers consumed 172 dozen doughnuts and over 30 gallons of coffee during a mid-morning social hour. Sectional meetings were held at noon.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Site preparation for a new Sheep Center on the Souther Illinois University Experimental Farm is underway, according to W. G. Kammlade, Jr., SIU livestock specialist.

Building material for two buildings at the Center is arriving and construction is expected to begin soon. One structure will be a 36-by-80-foot concrete block building which will contain living quarters for two student workers, a laboratory, a sheep-shearing and wool-handling area, and a 34-by-36-foot judging arena.

A pole-type barn, composed of two open-sided wings extending north and south from a 30-by-60-foot central feed storage building, will be erected behind the concrete block building. The wings, 30 feet wide by 90 and 105 feet long respectively, will contain sheep pens and feeding racks.

The Sheep Center is designed to accommodate 200 sheep and will serve primarily as a teaching unit of the School of Agriculture, supplemented by a wool laboratory which will be included in Southern's new agriculture building now under construction.

The 65 acres of farm land included in the Center borders the southwest part of the Cooperative Agronomy Research Center. Buildings will be located one-half mile south of the City Lake road at a point one and one-half miles west of State Route 51. Plans also have been prepared for a four-acre farm lake on the Sheep Center to give watershed protection on 90 acres of University-owned farm land and to supply livestock water.

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FOR RELEASE: Sunday, Oct. 21, and after

CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Stopping a long-time spoiler, Western Illinois, is the obstacle facing Southern Illinois University as it prepares for its annual Homecoming game here Saturday (Oct. 27) afternoon.

The Western Leathernecks tied the Salukis, 13-13, last year to keep Southern from a three-way tie for first in the Interstate Conference race.

Neither team is rated as a favorite in this year's game, which is expected to feature plenty of scoring. Even when on the losing side, both SIU and Western have displayed considerable offensive punch.

Heading the offensive front for Southern in sophomore halfback Carver Shannon of Corinth, Miss., who is nearing a new Interstate season scoring record. He recently tallied four touchdowns against Eastern Illinois to tie the single-game scoring mark.

Speed is Shannon's big asset as he has made most of his touchdowns on either long punt returns or quick-opening plays on handoffs from quarterback Bill Norwood, Centralia.

Norwood poses a big threat in the passing department, while his substitute, Dave Wheeler, Chicago, also is a fine tosser.

Bob McCue, freshman halfback from Aurora, has been Western's most consistent ground gainer while Gehrig Dorge, senior from East Moline, has been the cog of Western's forward wall.

In the 20 previous games, Western has won 11, SIU five, and four have ended in ties.

More than 50 high school bands and 30 floats are expected to participate in the Homecoming parade Saturday (Oct. 27) morning Athletic Director Carl Erickson predicted that with good weather, the crowd may reach a record-breaking 11,000.

Area high schools have loaned Southern enough bleachers to seat an added 2,000 over the normal stadium capacity of 8,600.

SIU Coach Al Dewal has picked as co-captains for the game all the seniors: Tim Bowers, Murphysboro; Jim McCann, West Frankfort; Ed Hayes, San Francisco, Calif.; John Golch, Sesser; and Gene Krolak, Chicago.

Southern's probable starters: LE--Marion Rushing, Pinckneyville; LT--Krolak; LG--Bowers; C--John Abromovitch, Haverhill, Mass.; RG--McCann; RT--Hayes; RE--Golch; QB--Norwood; LH--Renette Lewis, East St. Louis or Cecil Hart, Hillsboro; RH--Shannon; FB--Richard White, St. Louis.

Game time is set for 2 p.m.

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GOLCONDA, ILL., Oct. -- An extensive development program will soon be undertaken in Pope county with the help of Southern Illinois University.

A delegation of 30 area residents voted unanimously at a meeting at the University this week to invite the assistance of Southern's department of community development headed by Richard W. Poston.

Since 1953, the department has been aiding 11 similar development efforts in the state, but this is the first time the program is being planned on a county-wide basis.

Poston announced that Frank Sehnert, a consultant who has worked with Cobden's community leaders on an improvement campaign that started a year ago, will be the University's field representative in the Pope county program.

Millard Farmer, superintendent of the Pope County Department of Welfare, was named temporary chairman of the delegation that called on Poston at the University. This group will attempt to enlist the support of all county organizations for the program.

A sampling survey made in this Ohio River community of 1,000 and in rural areas indicated that 66 percent of the county population would be willing to work for county improvement.

The program which Poston outlined to the county delegation calls for six months of research by local residents so they may have a clearer understanding of community problems. At the end of that period, action projects would be launched to remedy community ills.

The delegation to the University included: Mrs. Lela Watson, president of the Pope-Hardin County Home Bureau; Howard Wright, county superintendent of schools; J. H. Hobbs, principal of the high school; Paul L. Trovillion, president of the Soil Conservation District; farmers, businessmen, tradesmen, and housewives.

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Carbondale, Ill., Oct. -- The city of Centralia is termed "the state of Illinois in capsule form" in an article in the current issue of the Southern Illinois Business Bulletin.

"Though the Marion county city is not 'central' in a geographic sense, a remarkable assortment of the things that give Illinois its wealth and its character are centralized there," says the quarterly magazine published by Southern Illinois University.

Centralia, a medium-sized community fringed by a dozen suburbs and rural villages, benefits economically from coal, oil, heavy industry, small business, fruit orchards and general agriculture. It displays the cultural pattern of Southern Illinois but also has much in common with Northern Illinois.

"Centralia can hardly be considered typical of communities in the state, but there is probably no single place to find a better cross-section of the Land of Lincoln," the article states.

In another article, an SIU associate professor of history says the outcome of the Nov. 6 election will depend upon the independent voter.

"The Democratic candidate's task is not impossible but it is very difficult," writes Dr. William A. Pitkin. "The Republican candidate in the mind of the American people is a political giant; he enjoys political power reminiscent of F.D.R."

The main weakness of the Republicans, Pitkin says, "may well be an easy assumption that the 'champ' cannot be defeated, that President Eisenhower's leadership (the great crusade) rises above any particular issue."

Willmore Hastings, an SIU lecturer in business administration, has become co-editor of the Business Bulletin, replacing Milton T. Edelman who resigned to devote more time to academic duties.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- More than 2,500 high school musicians in 46 area school bands will march Saturday (Oct. 27) in Southern Illinois University's annual Homecoming Parade.

In addition to bands, nearly 175 University living centers and organizations have been invited to enter floats and stunts in the colorful procession, according to Lois Harriss, Carlyle, and Jerry Van Dover, Poplar Bluff, Mo., parade co-chairman.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of Sycamore Street and University Avenue, proceeding south on University to the main gate of the campus.

Float and stunt entries will be judged in three divisions: men's, women's, and mixed groups. Trophies will be awarded for the first and second place floats and a plaque for first place in the stunts division.

Other SIU Homecoming features Saturday will be a 2 p.m. football game, Southern vs. Western Illinois State College, and a dance and state show in the evening.

School bands in the parade will be:

Anna-Jonesboro, Breese, Brookport, Brownstown, Cairo, Carbondale, Carlyle, Carrier Mills, Centralia, Cobden, Columbia, Crab Orchard, Crossville, Dongola, Dupo, DuQuoin, East Alton, Wood River, Eldorado, Freeburg, Herrin, Hillsboro, Madison, Marion, Mascoutah, Metropolis, Mt. Carmel, Murphysboro, New Athens, New Baden, Okawville, Pinckneyville, Roxana, Sandoval, Sesser, Southeast Gallatin, Sparta, St. Elmo, Sumner, Trico, University School, Valmeyer, Waterloo, Wolf Lake, Benton Consolidated, and Red Bud Community High.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct. -- Eli G. Lentz, Carbondale, Southern Illinois University emeritus history professor, is the newly elected president of the Southern Illinois Historical Society, succeeding Louis Aaron, Harrisburg.

Other officers elected during the organization's fall meeting at SIU Friday evening (Oct. 19) are: Mrs. L. O. Trigg, Eldorado, vice president; John Clifford, SIU social science librarian, secretary-treasurer; E. M. Stotlar, Marion, archivist; and three directors: Charles C. Feirich, Metropolis; Arch Voight, DuQuoin, and J. M. Pomeroy, Carmi.

The Society members passed a resolution supporting a move for the restoration of old Fort Defiance, a Civil War fort at Cairo. The group also voted to loan its collection of the General Lawler papers to the SIU library.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Saturday's (Oct. 20) game against Eastern Michigan has really burned up the Southern Illinois University football team members--and it could cost them a victory in the Homecoming struggle against Western Illinois here Saturday (Oct. 27) afternoon.

Southern's burning is not in the form of grudges against Eastern Michigan, but consists of painful lime burns suffered by more than half of the players. Eastern Michigan also had many similar burns.

Southern officials checked the lime, but found nothing amiss. They said that the big rain which turned Saturday's game into a mud-fest washed lime over the entire field.

At least three SIU players, John Abromovitch, first-string center from Haverhill, Mass.; Jim McCann, West Frankfort; and Gene Krolak, first-string tackle from Chicago, are burned so badly that they may miss all drills this week. Some players said the chemical burned through their pants and jerseys in addition to blistering their faces.

SIU Coach Al Kawal is also having quarterback trouble for this week with regular signal-caller Bill Norwood, Centralia, on the injured list, while substitute Dave Wheeler, Chicago, who was one of the heroes in Saturday's 14-7 Southern victory, is sick. Kawal may be forced to reach into the Junior Varsity squad for quarterback material for Saturday's tilt.

Kawal said he was proud of the way his team won Saturday after being down at the half, 7-0. He paid special tribute to the 42-yard pass play from Wheeler to Bob Batura, Danvers, Mass., which set up the winning touchdown.

Scoring all 14 of SIU's points was right halfback Carver Shannon, sophomore from Corinth, Miss. He now has 51 points in three conference games--only 10 points away from a new league record--with three loop games remaining.

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Shannon in five games this season has netted 488 yards rushing in 51 tries--an average of 9.6 yards per carry, which places him aong the nation's best.

After a slow start, Western Illinois ran over Northern Illinois Friday (Oct. 19), 34-6, for its second win against three losses. SIU, 3-2 for the season, is now in second place in the interstate Conference with a 2-1 mark.

Probable starters for SIU this week: LE--Marion Rushing, Pinckneyville; Gene Krolak or John Gelch, Sesser; LG--Tim Bowers, Murphysboro; John Abromovitch or Bob Laffoon, Eldorado; RG-- Jim McCann, West Frankfort or Willie Brown, Memphis, Tenn.; RT--Ed Hayes, San Francisco, Calif.; RE--Robert Butura; QB--Dave Wheeler or Dennis Holmes, Maplewood, Mo.; LH--Ranette Lewis, East St. Louis; RH--Carver Shannon; FB--Richard White, St. Louis.

Gametime Saturday is 2 p.m. A parade featuring 50 high school and college bands plus numerous floats is set for 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Deciding that you've got to get the job before you can get the job done, Southern Illinois University's School of Business has begun a series of student "seminars" on how to win interviews and influence interviewers.

In a group of informal sessions called "Your Job Opportunities and How to Use Them", SIU upperclassmen majoring in business and economics are shown what goals to go after and how to score when they get there. A highlight of the meetings, which also include lectures on proper career selection, use of the school's Placement Service, management opportunities and preliminary correspondence, is a how-to-do-it skit on the job interview itself.

In the skit, Willmore B. Hastings, who held top level personnel, sales and public relations positions in a dozen midwestern industries before joining the SIU faculty in 1955, plays the part of a graduate seeking permanent employment for the first time. Ralph Bedwell, director of Southern's Small Business Institute, "interviews" him twice: first as a clean and crew-cut go-getter who answers questions with crisp forthrightness; next as a Joe-college jokester who will obviously foul out his first trip to the plate.

Hastings and Henry J. Rehn, dean of the School of Business, say slipshod conduct at interviews is blackballing many otherwise qualified job-candidates. Hastings presents them with an advance list of interview "do's" and "don'ts" designed to smooth the road to the personnel office:

DO

Know about the company, including location, growth, size.

Have school grades, attendance and activities records available.

Have recommendations.

Have reason "why you chose this company."

Be definite about salary expected.

Have an idea about your future development.

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Shake hands.

Dress neatly and look sharp.

Look at interviewer and speak clearly.

Follow instructions.

DON'T

Be flip, ridicule school or knock instructors.

Be sloppy.

Smoke or chew gum.

Mumble.

Let your mind wander.

Be coy or evasive.

Overemphasize salary.

Make excuses.

Be a name-dropper or string-puller.

Be cynical or dogmatic.

Fail to ask questions.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- The Southern Illinois University board of trustees went on record Tuesday (Oct. 23) in favor of efforts to establish a four-year college program for Southwestern Illinois, centered in the heavily-populated Madison-St. Clair County area.

The decision was made after representatives of the Southwestern Illinois Council for Higher Education explained at a meeting here that the two-county area may have as many as 18,000 college students by 1970.

A resolution passed by the SIU trustees said the board would "make accelerated provisions for higher education facilities in said area as quickly as funds become available."

Members of the Council, including educators, businessmen and lay persons who have worked closely with school district organizations and school boards, said they felt additional junior colleges or extension of present college offerings would not solve the problem. SIU officials agreed that a separate four-year college program appeared to be the best solution.

Dr. Robert Lynn, an Alton physician who is chairman of the bi-county group, added that increasing enrollment of privately-owned schools to maximum capacity "could not in any way take care of the increase we will see by 1970." He believed that "some kind of state-supported institution is needed."

Dr. Lynn said Southern's help was sought because "SIU seems to be interested in us as well as in all of Southern Illinois."

Stressing the concern felt in the area over lack of adequate facilities on the college level, Dr. Frank Eversull, a Belleville minister and former college president, said "this is not a flash-in-the-pan affair. All of us feel a crying need for better educational facilities and this institution (Southern) is a natural for us."

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Matt Welch, Collinsville attorney, added that the Southern Illinois area was becoming too populous for one university, but a branch of Southern on the Illinois side of the St. Louis metropolitan district would help distribute the educational burden.

John Page Wham, Centralia, chairman of the SIU board of trustees, pointed out that a statewide campaign for financial support for a branch of Southern in that area would have to be left in the hands of the Council and other interested persons living there. He said the determining factor in establishment of a branch university would be appropriations from the state legislature.

SIU President D. W. Morris said Southern expects to continue expanding its Residence Center program in East St. Louis and its extension and adult education course offerings in the area during the period of development of a four-year program.

Eight members of the Council's 16-member advisory committee attended the session with the SIU trustees. In addition to Dr. Lynn, Dr. Eversull and Welch, they were: Miss Berenice Goedde, East St. Louis; Truman Davis, Alton; Mrs. Lester Klope, Bethalto; Robert Maucker, Alton, and George Moorman, Sr., Edwardsville.

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Carbondale, Ill., Oct. -- Marketing and merchandising of vegetables will be topics of emphasis in the two-day program of the Illinois State Vegetable Growers Association meeting at Southern Illinois University next Thursday and Friday (Nov. 1-2).

Specialists also will give attention to varieties, cultural practices, disease and insect problems, fertility programs, and labor for vegetable production. Sessions will be held in the auditorium of Southern's new library building with registration from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday. William T. Andrew, SIU vegetable specialist in charge of local arrangements, says there will be a $1 registration fee.

Joseph S. Shelly, Washington, D.C., executive secretary of the Vegetable Growers Association of America, will speak at the state association's annual 6:30 p.m. dinner session Thursday evening in the SIU Cafeteria. Reservations are desired early, Andrew says.

Shelly was a vocational agriculture teacher in his native state of Pennsylvania for 12 years, organized a Rural Life department at McPherson, Kansas, College in 1948, spent a year at the University of Illinois under a fellowship in agriculture economics, and served as an extension specialist in consumer marketing and education for West Virginia University before taking his present position in 1954.

The following program for the two-day meeting has been released:

Thursday (Nov. 1):

10 a.m.--President's address by the Association president--John Nemanich.

10:30--Outlook for Early Tomato Industry--Joseph Vandemark, Purdue University horticulturist.

11--New Pepper Varieties for Illinois--A. E. Thompson, University of Illinois horticulturist.

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11:30--Results of Vegetable Trials and Mulching Studies at Carbondale--William T. Andrew, SIU vegetable specialist.

1:45 p.m.--"There Ain't No Santa Claus"--W. F. Lomasney, Chicago, marketing specialist, University of Illinois office of food merchandising and consumer education.

2:30--Report on Cobden Tomato Marketing Cooperative--a representative of the organization.

3:00--Do's and Don't's of Vegetable Marketing--W. De P. Waddock, manager of the St. Louis Produce Market.

6:30--dinner session.

Friday (Nov. 2):

9:30 a.m.--Effect of the Preceding Crop on Nitrogen Application--C. Y. Arnold, University of Illinois horticulturist.

10--New Developments in Vegetable Disease Control--N. B. Linn, University of Illinois plant pathologist.

10:30--Illinois Vegetable Information Program--N. F. Oebker, University of Illinois horticulturist.

1:30 p.m.--Functions and Problems of the Farm Labor Placement Service--Richard B. Calhoun, Chicago, Illinois State Employment Service.

2--Progress Report on Agricultural Migratory Workers Committee--Miss Naomi Hiett, secretary of the Committee on Migratory Workers, Illinois Commission on Children.

2:30--Operations and functions of the Terminal Market--Virgil Pickell, Chicago market manager, Service Association of the South Water Market.

3--New Developments in Vegetable Insect Control--J. M. Wright, entomologist, Illinois State Natural History Survey.

3:30--Panel discussion on disease and insect control with Andrew as moderator.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Southern Illinois University's fourth annual Winter Short Course in Agriculture will begin a four-week session on the SIU campus Jan. 7, according to Alex Reed, SIU supervisor of Adult Education in agriculture.

Seventeen courses from fields of agricultural economics and engineering, agronomy, forestry, horticulture and animal, dairy or poultry science will be available for short course students. The non-credit courses will be open to any person over 16 years, giving practical instruction to keep persons abreast of new developments in agriculture. Classes will meet daily.

Short course enrollees may select five or more subjects from the list. The class schedule will be arranged so that a student may take at least one course in each of the subject fields. The estimated enrollment cost is $14.80 for tuition and book rental fees besides board and room. Reed says a number of Future Farmers of America chapters, banks and farm implement dealers in the area are offering scholarships to interested short course students in their communities.

The short course will end Feb. 1. Farmers and farm youth past high school age may contact Reed for additional information or admission. The SIU School of Agriculture and Division of Technical and Adult Education are cooperating in offering the program.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., OCT. -- Two pure-bred Salukis, one of the rarest breeds of dogs, will be presented to Southern Illinois University during half-time ceremonies of the Southern-Western Illinois homecoming football game Saturday (Oct. 27).

The dogs are a gift of W. W. Vandeveer, president of Ashland Oil Co., who will make the presentation to SIU President D. W. Morris.

The Saluki, an ancient Egyptian hunting dog, is the school symbol of SIU which is located in the Southern Illinois area known as "Little Egypt". Salukis are pictured on school emblems, pennants, and decals. Student programs and publications also carry out the Egyptian motif.

One of the two mascots given by Vandeveer, an alumnus and twice president of the Alumni Association, is a direct descendant of a champion from the kennels of King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia. He is an 18-months-old male named Ornah Farouk of Pine Paddocks. The other Saluki is a 10-months-old female, Burydown Datis, who was whelped in England.

Vandeveer obtained the dogs from the Pine Paddocks Kennels near his Rocky River, O., home as a gift to students and alumni.

The Saluki, oldest pure breed in the world, has been identified in records dating back to 3600 B.C. There are only a few hundred of them in this country, according to the exclusive Saluki Club of America.

Salukis are similar in appearance to the greyhound and are capable of speeds up to 40 miles an hour. In ancient Egypt they were trained to hunt gazelles.

The new SIU mascots will be housed in kennels owned by Dr. Robert Scott, a chemistry professor at Southern. King Tut, the original Saluki mascot of the University, was killed by an automobile two years ago.

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Number in a weekly series--"It Happened in Southern Illinois"--a series consisting of regional folklore and historical accounts suitable for feature, column, or editorial use.

IT IS TIME FOR PERSIMMONS

John W. Allen
Southern Illinois University

Persimmons are ripening slowly in Southern Illinois this year. Such always is true when frosts come late. Some would place much of the blame for this delayed ripening upon the katydids. According to an oft-repeated bit of folklore, killing frost does not come until three months from the day that these noisy insects appear and become vocal. This year they did not begin their chirping until late July.

Whatever is the proper explanation for the delay, those who really know their persimmons are agreed that it requires one or more hard frosts to take the "pucker" out of an otherwise pleasing fruit.

Persimmons appear to have lost caste and to be less popular now. They once were a favorite provender for wandering boys and for hunters, particularly those both young and old who hunted 'possums at night. By combining the fruit of the diospyrus Virginiana, the company name of the lowly persimmon, with turnips gleaned from an occasional isolated patch, or with apples found in the thick grass beneath a "rusty-coat" tree at some deserted farmstead, the night hunter easily kept from starving.

Persimmons were also a favorite food of the 'possum; thus, both the hunter and hunted were drawn toward the fruiting trees. Birds came to peck at the fruit during the day and late-flying insects to suck their sugary juices. Pigs also ate them. In fact they were popular with both man and beast.

In addition to eating the fruit out of hand, other uses were made of it and of the wood of the tree. It was the practice of some to gather the fruit and use it for making persimmon beer or pudding. So far as is known, neither practice is followed now.

For the making of beer the persimmons were best gathered after they had become dry and sugary. About a bushel would make a barrel of brew. The gathered fruit was placed in an open barrel and crushed in just enough water to make a thick mushy mixture. Clear water was then added to make a total of about 25 gallons. (MORE)

Some added new sorghum, saying that it made a stronger beer. No addition was necessary, however, if well ripened and sugary persimmons were used.

Next a cup or so of kitchen yeast was added and the contents of the barrel very thoroughly stirred. It was then left in a warm place to ferment. From time to time it was skimmed as conditions might indicate. When, after a period varying from a few days to three weeks or more, the mixture ceased to "work", the amber-like liquid was drawn off and placed in jugs and jars, and stored in a cool place.

We are assured that the drink was "delicious", that it was mild and "could be taken without getting the bad effects of stronger drinks". The slight sampling that Ernie Robb and the writer took from his father's stock is remembered pleasantly. This judgment may be tinged somewhat, however, by the lingering memories left by a boyish appetite. No "bad effects" whatever are recalled.

Persimmons also were used for making puddings. It was not an uncommon dish in season. Two recipes for this dish have been gathered. One of these, which the old lady giving it persisted in calling a "receipt", is as follows:

2 cups brown sugar
1 cup shortening
2 eggs
1 quart of persimmons that have been rubbed through a collander
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon cocoa (when she had it)
Nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, or vanilla as desired to "spice it up".

The sugar, shortening, and eggs were thoroughly mixed, or as the lady termed it, "creamed". The milk and persimmons were added and thoroughly mixed. The dry ingredients were next "stirred in" along with the chosen flavoring materials. Baking was done in a "tolerable hot" oven. The donor of the recipe declared that, if properly done, the product would be "scrumptious".

Since the writer has retired and hence has time, he may be tempted to try the above dish to see just what change the passage of time has wrought in a boyish appetite.

The wood of the persimmon tree served a few particular uses. Gluts made from it, slowly dried to scorching beside an open fire and then oiled, were among those most durable. The wood was also used to make the queerly shaped spool shuttle used by home weavers.

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An occasional one of these shuttles, worn glassy smooth by a million tosses between the threads in an old loom, is found where it was stored a lifetime ago. Persimmon was also a favorite wood for the making of lasts for shoemakers. Some liked it for the turning lathe.

All uses of the persimmon did not end here, however. If the seeds were opened in the proper manner (undetermined), a knife, fork and spoon would be seen. A wish made during this process would come true. A handful of the inner bark of the tree could be placed in a pint of water and boiled down to a half pint. The addition of some sugar and a small lump of alum to the liquid converted it into a patent remedy for thrush. The bark also could be chewed for a sore throat. Anyone trying either of these remedies should remember that the bark is most effective when peeled from the north side of the tree with an upward motion.

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SIU COUNTRY COLUMN

by Albert Meyer

Motorists just now are being advised in all forms of advertising, as well as by their regular garage man or filling station operator, to winterize the family automobile.

Agricultural engineers, such as Fred W. Roth of the Southern Illinois University School of Agriculture, points out that now is the time to get the farm tractor and other motor-driven farm machinery ready for winter storage or winter use. Using a little extra care at this season will preserve engine life and postpone the day when an overhaul job becomes necessary.

Roth says that many hours of engine use may be lost easily during the winter storage season because of rust and corrosion. Such damage, occurring chiefly on the valves, upper cylinders and bearings, may use as much of an engine's life as a whole season's work--particularly on such engines as those on combines and balers which receive only limited use during the year.

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Here are suggested a few simple, easily-followed practices which will eliminate the possibility of nearly all internal rusting and corrosion of bearing surfaces.

Drain out the old crankcase oil and replace it with new oil of the proper weight for the engine. It is a good idea to replace the oil filter, too. Then run the motor at least five minutes to circulate the new oil to all parts of the engine. This change will get out much of the dirt and corrosive material that has accumulated in the old oil.

Next, remove the spark plugs and pour about three tablespoons of oil into each cylinder. Replace the plugs and crank the engine two revolutions to distribute this oil over the upper cylinder walls and the valves.

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Finish this protection of the engine working parts by plugging the air intake pipe and the exhaust pipe to keep moisture from entering the engine.

The engine's storage battery needs to be checked every month or two while it remains unused for several months during the winter. The battery must be kept fully charged to prevent it from freezing and to keep the plates from becoming coated with sulfate which will shorten battery life. A good idea is to take the battery out of the machine and keep it where there is no danger of forgetting or neglecting its care.

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Some farmers will want to use their tractor at times for various jobs during the winter. This will mean less problems of protection in storage but the machine will need the same care as a motor car. Both are expensive pieces of equipment which a farmer cannot afford to neglect in any way that will shorten its life or destroy its efficiency. Keep the tractor well lubricated and protect the cooling system against freezing. The machine should not be run without something in the cooling system, and if water is used there is danger that it will be allowed to freeze and cause expensive damage to the engine. Using a good anti-freeze is recommended--either a permanent or an alcohol-base type. They are the only kinds that are satisfactory and safe to use. Other materials either are unsafe or harmful to the cooling system.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- With winter closing in, Southern Illinois University's tent dwellers have forsaken the outdoor life for the modern conveniences of a new residence hall.

The move "back to civilization" involves nearly 120 male students who spent the past five weeks sleeping under canvas at the SIU Camp on Little Grassy Lake.

While the students made 24-mile round trips to classes, studied by the flickering light of gas lanterns, and feasted on hazel nuts and persimmons, workmen raced with the calendar to complete the first of six campus dormitories under construction.

Tents now abandoned, the students are becoming accustomed again to conventional rooms with tiled baths, steam heat, fluorescent lights, and polished furniture.

Another group of Southern's male students still are being housed off the campus until another residence hall is completed, probably before Dec. 1, according to I. Clark Davis, acting director of student affairs. Although far from satisfactory, their barracks at Giant City State Park, unlike the tents, can be heated, Davis said.

The new three-story residence halls are being erected at the southwest edge of the campus on a point overlooking Thompson Lake. Forty students will live on each floor, two in a room, with a connecting bath for every pair of rooms.

On each floor, rooms open onto a building-length, glassed-in corridor designed as a lounge area. A large central dining hall to serve the new dormitories also is under construction.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Oct.--Southern Illinois University has been selected as one of 43 educational institutions to begin Air Force ROTC flying training during the current school year. The announcement, from AFROTC headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, said the remaining 137 schools with Air Force ROTC units will be added to the new nation-wide program in the next two years.

Inauguration of the program at Southern marks the third major recognition accorded SIU's 1,400-cadet unit during the school year, one of the only installations in the country so honored. Previously, the Air Force assigned the school a light plane for orientation flights. In September Southern was chosen as one of 10 universities in the nation to offer a WAF officer training program. Other schools besides Southern now offering both a WAF program and flying training are the University of Maryland and Pennsylvania State University.

The new program will be a principal feature of the regular Air Force ROTC course at SIU and will consist of 35 hours of light plane training. Col. Alexander MacMillan, commander of the SIU unit, said the course is designed to attract more cadets to an Air Force career as well as to permit earlier screening for flying ability. Screening previously was available only after graduation and commissioning.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Winners of last February's District Festival of the Illinois Federation of Music Clubs will be honored here Sunday (Nov. 4) following a faculty recital by pianist Steven Barwick, a member of the Southern Illinois University music department. The recital begins at 4 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium.

The awards signifying "superior" performances by junior musicians in the organization, will be presented by Mrs. Henry L. Porter of Chicago, president of the IFMC. Mrs. James Young, state chairman of the Federation's Junior Music Festivals, also will be present. Some 250 Southern Illinois piano teachers and their students have been invited to attend.

Barwick, appearing in the 12th music department concert of the school year, will play a Bach arrangement of Siloti's "Organ Prelude in G Minor," Beethoven's "Sonata Op. 27, No. 2"--the "Moonlight" sonata--and two works by Debussy.

The annual Junior Festivals of the Federation at district, state and national levels are sponsored by the IFMC as a means of encouraging musical performance and the recognition of talent.

District winners to be honored Sunday are:

CARBONDALE: Gay Holliday, Sue Cherry, Karl Keifer, Kathryn Kimmel, First Baptist Church Youth Choir.

BENTON: Judy Aiken, Sara Allen

MURPHYSBORO: Donna Henard, Keith Rodewald

ROSICLARE-GOLCONDA: Suzanne Watson, Martha Davis, Janice Kay Mayers, Mary Alice Davis, Emily Villeneuve, Ann Trampe, Jane Trampe, David Millikan.

ZEIGLER: Rosemary Crawford.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Presentation of a trophy to a couple designated "Parents of the Day" will highlight a Parents Day program Saturday (Nov. 10) at Southern Illinois University.

"Parents of the Day" will be chosen by drawing from names of parents submitted by SIU students. More than 6000 invitations have been mailed to parents of students, according to student co-chairmen Richard Small, Princeton (428 E. Crown), and Wayne Oldham, Wood River (651 Edwardsville Dr.).

The program will get underway at 10 a.m. with a welcome address by SIU President Delyte W. Morris in Shryock Auditorium, followed by a variety show, a luncheon in the University Cafeteria, and the SIU-Illinois Normal football game at 1:30 p.m. in McAndrew Stadium.

A pizza supper sponsored by Delta Chi fraternity at 5 p.m. in the Student Union will precede a water show by the Dolphin Club at the University School indoor pool.

Attendance is expected to top last year's, which was estimated at 800 parents.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV.--Southern Illinois University's grid team will try to play the "jinx-breaker" role in a game against Washington University at St. Louis Saturday (Nov. 3) afternoon.

The odds say it will never happen.

In six previous meetings, Washington University has emerged the winner, and according to the "experts," this year should be no exception.

Although holding only a mediocre 3-2 season record, the Washington Bears have shown much promise during the past two games, edging past a tough Western Michigan team, 13-7, and clubbing South Dakota, 27-7, last Saturday.

Southern has only a 3-3 mark, its latest defeat being a 21-7 loss in a poor Homecoming performance agianst Western Illinois last week.

SIU Coach Al Kawal had few words of praise for his team's play against Western. "The tackling was off considerable; we lacked an offensive punch; we made too many mistakes at crucial stages of the game," concluded Kawal, who is not optimistic about SIU's chances against the Bears.

The year-long plague of injuries is still visiting Southern, the latest victim being star halfback Carver Shannon, Corinth, Miss. sophomore, who is one of the nation's leading scorers with 67 points. In six games he has picked up 545 yards in 68 carries--an average of 8.0 yards a try.

SIU trainer Gordon Herwig described Shannon's injury as a bruised trapezenis (shoulder) muscle, but added that Shannon would be able to see some action Saturday.

Regular quarterback Bill Norwood, Centralia, is bothered by a bad leg, and missed most of last week's game against Western. Still recovering from lime burns suffered in the Eastern Michigan game two weeks ago are three first-stringers, Gene Krolak, Chicago; John Abromovitch, Haverhill, Mass.; and Jim McCann, West Frankforts. None were able to start in last week's contest.

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Big injury loss for Washington this season is Don Polkinghorne, who almost single-handedly whipped SIU, 32-13, in last year's encounter. It was first thought he'd be ready to go Saturday, but later reports say no.

Pacing the Bears' offensive attack have been Ken Miles, a fine passer who has picked up 404 yards in his aerial efforts this season; Jay Metcalfe, and Bob Ladd. Favorite pass target has been Don Schlapprizzi.

The big question remains: Can Washington hold onto its jinx and make it seven straight over S.I.U. Saturday?

SIU's probable starters:

LE--Marion Rushing, Pinckneyville; LT--Gene Krolak, Chicago; LG--Tim Bowers, Murphysboro: C--John Abromovitch, Haverhill, Mass.; RG--Jim McCann, West Frankfort; RT--Ed Hayes, San Francisco, Calif.; RE--Robert Batura, Danvers, Mass.; QB--Bill Norwood, Centralia; LH--Ranette Lewis, East St. Louis; RH--Carver Shannon, Corinth, Miss.; and FB--Richard White, St. Louis.

SEASON SCORES:

	SIU	op.		Washington	op.
Ill. Wesleyan	40	0	Missouri Mines	14	13
Central Mich.	13	32	Wabash College	7	27
Bradley Univ.	20	26	Drake Univ.	6	14
Eastern Ill.	33	0	Western Mich.	13	7
Eastern Mich.	14	7	South Dakota	27	7
Western Ill.	7	21			

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CARBONDALE, ILL. Nov.--Dr. Willard Gersbacher, former chairman of the Southern Illinois University zoology department, has been appointed coordinator of the University's Health Science curriculum, one of the few programs of its kind in the country.

The four year undergraduate program is geared to a rising demand for professional workers in public health laboratories and sanitary science. Students may concentrate in either of the two fields, their course of study being arranged to cut across all departmental and college lines.

During the first and second years of study, students will be occupied with general University requirements and fundamental science courses. In the third and fourth years they will be required to take specialized courses in zoology, microbiology, physiology, physics and health education.

A feature of the course is a semester of field training in state public health laboratories, hospitals, city and state health departments of other agencies whose functions correspond to the student's study area.

The infant program was inaugurated at the urging of public health officials in Illinois and neighboring states. Dean T.W. Abbott, dean of SIU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, says, "the demand for qualified graduates is continually increasing and placements are virtually automatic."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--More than 400 Southern Illinois University students are expected to attend the SIU--Washington University game at St. Louis Saturday (Nov. 3) afternoon.

Buses jointly sponsored by the AFROTC, Inter-Fraternity Council, Residence Halls, and organized living centers, will leave here Saturday morning. Also going will be the 100-piece SIU band, which will perform during the halftime ceremonies.

Several hundred alumni also are planning to sit together in a special section. Letters telling about the game have been sent to the 625 SIU alumni in Missouri and to the 1,500 alumni in Madison and St. Clair counties in Illinois.

Gametime is set for 2 p.m.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--Carver Shannon, Southern Illinois University's nomination for Little All-American honors, will miss the SIU--Washington University game Saturday (Nov.3) because of a slight shoulder separation.

X-rays revealed the injury suffered in Saturday's tilt against Western Illinois. Shannon, a halfback, from Corinth, Miss., in six games this season has gained 545 yards in 68 carries--an average of 8.0 yards a try--and has scored 67 points, 52 in conference games.

Three other players, end Richard Strainic, Crystal Lake, halfbacks Dave Miles, Maplewood, Mo., and Tom Kilpatrick, Memphis, Tenn., are on the ailing list.

Probable replacement for Shannon will be Calvin Fearn of East St. Louis.

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ZEIGLER, ILL., Nov.--A surprise appreciation party was given for Southern Illinois University Coach Glenn (Abe) Martin here Wednesday (Oct. 31) night.

Members of Martin-coached SIU teams planned the party in appreciation for his years of football and basketball coaching.

Martin, one of SIU's greatest athletes, was head basketball coach from 1943-1946 and was head grid coach from 1939-1949. Martin coached the 1946 basketball team, which won the 32-team National Invitational Basketball Tournament--probably the greatest sports honor ever achieved by SIU. In his three years of cage coaching, Martin's teams won 41 while losing only 17.

His best football team was the 1947 squad, which won the IIAC conference title and also captured the post-season Corn Bowl tilt. His football record included 31 wins, 42 losses, and five ties.

Martin now heads SIU's vast intramural setup, which attracts more than 1,500 students annually in the 15 sports offered by the program.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--Southern Illinois University's cross country team will be after its second win of the season in a meet at the University of Chicago Saturday (Nov. 3.) afternoon.

SIU lost, 15-44, to Illinois Normal last week after downing Eastern Illinois, 23-34 and being edged by Western Illinois, 26-29 in earlier meets.

Running for SIU Saturday will be Lawrence Spann, Chicago Heights; Richard Gregory, St. Louis; Ray Canterberry, Mt. Morris; James Richter, Troy; Robert Clauss, Elmhurst; and Carl Meier, Altamont.

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ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS

SIU COUNTRY COLUMN

by Albert Meyer

How many stalks of corn per hill are best? That is a question each farmer must decide for himself at planting time and one that is shot through with all kinds of uncertainties.

In deciding, two highly important factors are soil fertility and moisture available during the growing season. If a farmer plants too few kernels per hill in soil that has enough available plant nutrients to support more, he is not using the land efficiently and will not obtain the yield per acre that would be possible. On the other hand, if he plants as many kernels as the soil will support but happens to have a drouth during the growing season he will be penalized in lower yields.

A preliminary report on a rate of planting study at the Carbondale Agronomy Research Center was given at a recent Corn Field Day which the Center sponsored near Wolf Lake in cooperation with the Shawnee high school vocational agriculture department. The Center is operated jointly by the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University.

Several observations may be made about the results of the study. An increase in average yield occurred with each additional plant right up the line for two, three four and five stalks per hill. However, the rate of increase declined as the number of plants per hill increased. The biggest jump, nearly 20 bushels per acre, occurred between the two and the three kernels per hill planting rate. This average increase was cut in half between the three and the four plants per hill rate.

Not all of the four varieties planted reacted the same in the rate of increase. Some held up better than others as the planting rate reached the maximum. One variety actually produced less per acre at the rate of five kernels per hill than at four per hill.

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Crops men concerned with the test made the general observation that the best corn planting rate for average Southern Illinois crop land in an average year is three kernels per hill.

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If some of the farm buildings will need attention--painting or exterior repairs--before winter, now is the time to get it done. There still are good days for painting but the job will need to be started later in the morning and end earlier in the evening to avoid trouble with moisture from dew on the surface. Be sure that the area to be painted is dry and free of grease, excessive dirt and the scale of peeling paint.

Leaky roofs need patching now. Cold or wet winter weather is a poor time to get on the roof to make repairs that should have been made when the season was more appropriate. Leaky roofs may cause damage to stored forage and grain, machinery and the building itself.

Broken panes in barn or poultry house windows deserve to be replaced before bad weather arrives. Windows are intended to provide natural lighting during daytime, to give protection from adverse weather, and to allow for proper ventilation. A broken window defeats its purpose. Loose boards or door hinges, or a broken door latch may be repaired in a few spare minutes and prevent additional damage or inconvenience. Farm buildings represent a large investment and are a vital part of the farming enterprise. They ought to be protected and maintained in such a manner as to increase their life and usefulness.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- Eileen Farrell, currently regarded by critics as America's top lyric-dramatic soprano, will be the first attraction on Carbondale's 1956-57 Community Concerts calendar here Nov. 14. Miss Farrell's concert begins at 8 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium and is open to all local members of the organization.

Miss Farrell, whose opera debut with the San Francisco Opera Association last year prompted an avalanche of praise from critics, is popularly appreciated as the voice of Marjorie Lawrence in the film, "Interrupted Melody." Her most recent achievement, a performance in a New York concert version of Cherubini's "Medea", was hailed by the usually reserved New Yorker magazine as a "stunning vocal feat." Time magazine has called her "one of the best sopranos in the United States."

After confining her singing to radio for several years, Miss Farrell made a recital debut in Carnegie Hall in 1950 and was immediately signed for 61 solo performances in five separate engagements with the New York Philharmonic Society. She has since become a major concert, radio and television attraction.

Miss Farrell's program includes four operatic arias--"Ernani involami," from Verdi's "Ernani"; "La Canzone di Doretta," from Puccini's "La Rondine"; "Mon coeur s'ouvre a ta voix," from "Samson et Dalila," by Saint-Saens, and "To This We've Come," from Menotti's "The Consul"--as well as the following:

"A Swan" and "A Dream," by Grieg; "La Maja dolorosa," by Granados; "My Heart Ever Faithful," by Bach; "Rima," by Turina; "To the Children" and "Midsummer Nights," by Rachmaninoff; "C," "Hotel" and "Voyage a Paris," by Poulenc; "Hickory Hill," by Paul Sargent; "The Moon Just Shook His Head," by Clifford Shaw; "Where Is Dis Road A-Leadin' Me To," by Harold Arlen, and "Linstead Market," by Harold Benjamin.

Other artists scheduled to appear during the season are pianist Eugene Istomin (Jan. 3); the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra (Feb. 6), and tenor Leopold Simoneau (March 13).

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- Stefan Possony, military intelligence expert for the U.S. Air Force and professor of international relations at Georgetown University, will speak on "Recent Development in the U.S.S.R." in a public lecture at Southern Illinois University Nov. 13. Possony's lecture, to be given at 7:30 p.m. in the University School studio theater, is sponsored by the International Relations Club at SIU.

The author of a number of books including "A Century of Conflict," "Strategic Air Power for Dynamic Security" and "International Relations," Possony has been a member of the Georgetown University faculty since 1946. A native of Austria, he earned his doctorate at the University of Vienna in 1935. During 1952 he served as a member of the National War College faculty and has been in military intelligence for more than 13 years. He is also a frequent lecturer at the Air University and the Foreign Service Institute in Washington.

Possony is scheduled to meet with senior Air Science classes while visiting the SIU campus.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.---Edward Kane, a former solo and oratorio star who has been living in semi-retirement on his Barlow, Ky., farm for the past several years, will be featured in the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra's first concert of the season here Nov. 20.

Beginning its eighth year under the baton of conductor Maurits Kesnar, the orchestra will play at 8:15 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium on the Southern Illinois University campus.

Kane, a Kentucky native who began his career as a soloist with the famed Emory University Glee Club, will sing the "Flower Song" from Bizet's opera, "Carmen." Also on the program are the overture to "Phaedre," by Massenet; Bizet's "First Symphony;" "Danse Macabre," by Saint-Saens, featuring solo violinist Zamir Bavel; the overture to "Le Roi D'ys," by Lalo, and a small suite by the contemporary Dutch composer, Willem Pyper.

Following graduation, Kane won the $5,000 Atwater Kent prize and continued studies at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. Two years later he was engaged as soloist for the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas in New York and shortly afterward won the National Federation of Music Clubs award. His concert career included operatic roles in Canada, the U.S. and South America as well as oratorio work in Canada and with the New York Oratorio Society.

The season's three Carbondale concerts will be sponsored, for the fourth year by the Carbondale Business and Professional Women's Club. Kesnar said the orchestra will play some engagements in other Southern Illinois communities.

With a roster of musicians from all over the Southern Illinois area, the orchestra is one of the most unique musical organizations in the midwest. More than 10 of the 75 musicians have been commuting to Carbondale for rehearsals and concerts (some 60 trips a year) for the past five years. Violinist A.E. Etherton of Benton, an original member, estimates he has driven over 35,000 miles between his home and the Shryock Auditorium stage.

Admission to the concert will be 50 cents. Season tickets to all three concerts--$1.

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SIU SPORTS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- "Mr. Dolphin Presents," a new type of variety swimming show, will be presented at the Southern Illinois University swimming pool Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 8-9-10.

Featured in the show are the SIU swimming team, comedy diving routines, the SIU Aquaettes, entertainer Pat Cook of Ottawa, the SIU gymnastic team, and two expert divers, Roger Counsil, Wood River, and Bruce Coleman, West Frankfort.

As an additional highlight to the first annual show, 32 Southern coeds have entered the race for the 1956 Dolphin Queen, to be selected by the audience during the five performances.

Directing the show is Al Cline, Springfield, while Bill Heusner, SIU swimming coach, is faculty adviser. "The type of show we have planned," Cline said, "will giv entertainment to all ages. It's packed with variety."

A single show at 8 p.m. will be presented Nov. 8 with two shows at 7 and 8:45 p.m. set for Nov. 9 and 10. Admission will be 75 cents to all. Tickets are on sale at the SIU gym (phone ext. 237) or may be bought from members of the swimming team.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Southern Illinois University's Junior Varsity football team, 1-3 for the season, will conclude its schedule with a home game against Washington University's Jayvees Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 2:30 p.m.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- The drive to send Southern Illinois University track coach Leland P. (Doc) Lingle to the Olympics has reached the $1,640 mark--only $60 away from the final goal of $1,700.

The collection will end Nov. 10. Contributions may be sent to SIU Alumni Service.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- Tennis fans in the Southern Illinois area have been invited to attend a special meeting on the SIU campus Saturday, Nov. 10.

Chief purpose of the session will be to explore the possibilities of forming a Southern Illinois Tennis Association.

Heading the meeting will be John R. Le Fevre, who pointed out that Southern Illinois is one of the few areas in the country not directly associated with the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association. An area organization, he pointed out, could not only promote Southern Illinois tennis tournaments and clinics, but would make it easier for the better players to enter national meets.

The latest Davis Cup films will be shown at the meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. Those interested in attending should write to John R. Le Fevre in care of the SIU Athletic Department.

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CARBONDALE, ILL. Nov.--Philip D. Jordan, University of Minnesota professor of history, will be the speaker for the annual fall meeting of the Illinois Folklore Society at Southern Illinois University November 16. The organization will meet at 8 p.m. in the formal lounge of Woody Hall, new residence hall for women.

The SIU History department is cooperating with the Society in sponsoring Jordan's appearance. He will be the lecturer at a history-social science workshop for area teachers in the SIU library auditorium at 10 a.m. November 17. Both meetings will be open to all interested persons.

Jordan is a widely recognized historian and writer, according to Mrs. Edith Krappe, Carbondale, President of the Folklore Society. A native of Burlington, Iowa, and a graduate of Northwestern University, Jordan received his doctorate at the University of Iowa. He is the author of 10 books, two of which are scheduled for publication in 1957. He has contributed more than 250 articles appearing in various journals and is editor of six volumes of history published by the Mississippi Valley Press.

"These Are the People" will be the title for his address at the Folklore Society meeting. The workshop lecture will be entitled,"Writing and Publishing Local History."

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- Three new classes in the Southern Illinois University 1956-57 series of six-weeks adult evening short courses in agriculture will have their first meetings in area communities Monday evening (Nov. 12), according to Alex Reed, acting chairman of the SIU Department of Agriculture.

A course in farm machinery repair and adjustment will open at the Aviston high school with Fred Roth, SIU agriculture engineer, as the teacher. Leon Mayer, Aviston vocational agriculture teacher, is cooperating in local arrangements for the class.

Howard H. Olson, SIU dairy specialist, will teach a course in dairy production at the Sparta high school with Raymond Deason, Sparta vocational agriculture teacher, cooperating.

Harvey S. Woods, SIU Experimental Farms manager, will have charge of a class in farm management at the Steeleville high school. The vocational agriculture teacher in charge of local arrangements in Arnold Greer.

Two other classes opened November 5. A course in crop production with SIU crops specialist Herbert Portz as teacher was started in the Benton high school and another in soils and fertilizers with Joseph P. Vavra, SIU soils specialist, as teacher, was opened at Trico Consolidated High School near Campbell Hill.

All classes will have six weekly meetings. Sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. The courses are made available to interested farmers without tuition fee through the SIU Division of Technical and Adult Education and the SIU School of Agriculture.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--Officers from the 12th and 14th districts of the Illinois State Nurses Association will attend a Leadership in Nursing Institute Saturday, Nov. 17, at Southern Illinois University.

Co-sponsored by SIU's Department of Nursing, the institute will feature talks by Miss Virginia Harrison, department chairman; William J. Tudor, acting director of the University's Area Services; Maude A. Stewart, associate professor of guidance; and Elizabeth A. Greenleaf, coordinator of student activities.

Also on the program will be Mrs. Ann Zimmerman, Chicago, executive secretary of the state nurses organization.

Assisting Miss Harrison with arrangements are Mrs. Mary Louise Perkins, Carbondale, 14th district president; and Miss Louise Acker, Olney, 12th district president.

To be conducted at Old Main building, the institute will begin with a 9 a.m. coffee hour. Enrollment is limited to 40 persons.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Just in time for Parents Day Saturday (Nov. 10), a 16-page "Handbook For Parents" is being issued by Southern Illinois University's Office of Student Affairs.

Parents of every student enrolled will receive a copy of the illustrated booklet, which briefly explains services available to students and parents, the grading system, and University policy on student housing, automobiles and financial aid.

After the initial distribution, only parents of new students at Southern will receive the handbook, according to I. Clark Davis, acting director of student affairs.

Davis said the booklet is the first SIU publication directed specifically to parents.

Saturday's Parents Day program will feature a trophy presentation to the couple selected as "Parents of the Day", a variety show, a luncheon, a water show, and a football game, SIU vs. Illinois Normal.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- An advisory committee of Southern Illinois school and civic leaders has endorsed plans for moving the SIU College of Education from crowded barracks into a proposed three-story building at Southern Illinois University.

Serving on the committee are citizens who for several years have advocated the expansion of facilities for training teachers at the University, where enrollment this year reached 6,300 students.

Although the College of Education has more students than any SIU college, its facilities are among the poorest, Dean J. E. Grinnell pointed out Monday (Nov. 5) at a meeting of the committee. Administrative offices are located in a former residence and other offices and classrooms are confined to surplus Army barracks, Grinnell said.

Southern will request a $2,225,000 appropriation for the building at the next session of the state legislature, President Delyte W. Morris told the committee. If funds are made available, construction could begin late next year, he said.

Slated for erection on the north side of Grand Avenue, the building would be attached to the industrial education wing of University School (kindergarten through high school.) Departments to be housed in the building include elementary education, secondary education, administration and supervision, foundations, guidance, and special education. The graduate program would be expanded and a doctoral program offered.

Plans call for 30 classrooms, an auditorium seating 300 persons, cafeteria to accommodate 250 persons, 50 to 60 offices and conference rooms, and child guidance and reading clinics. Office facilities would be made available to such educational organizations as the Educational Council of 100, Parent-Teachers Association, and Southern Division, Illinois Education Association.

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Those who attended the planning session were:

BENTON: Harry Boyd

CARBONDALE: Clyde V. Winkler; Jacob O. Bach, Harlan Beem, Victor Randolph, J. E. Grinnell, and President Delyte W. Morris, Southern Illinois University.

CHESTER: Ned Carlton

EAST ST. LOUIS: L. G. Osborn

EDWARDSVILLE: Vernon N. Whelles

HARRISBURG: Russell Malan

HERRIN: Herschel Ellis

JONESBORO: Russell Rendleman

LOUISVILLE: Robert L. Brissenden

MARION: Robert McKinney

MCLEANSBORO: Robert Evans
METROPOLIS: Maurice Clark
MURPHYSBORO: William Carruthers

PINCKNEYVILLE: Roland Keene

WATERLOO: Mrs. E. H. Schaller

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CARBONDALE, ILL.,NOV. -- Spectators attending Southern Illinois University's variety swimming show here Nov. 8-9-10 will find themselves the judges in a beauty contest to pick a Dolphin Queen from 31 SIU co-ed contestants.

A group of the queen candidates will appear at each of the first four shows, the audience selecting the top two in each division. The eight will compete for the title in the final show.

More than 70 SIU students will take part in the show, which will feature the SIU swimming team, comedy diving, the SIU Aquaettes, entertainer Pat Cook of Ottawa, the SIU gymnastic team, and diving demonstrations by Roger Counsil, Wood River; and Bruce Coleman, West Frankfort.

Another addition to the show, which is entitled, "Mr. Dolphin Presents," will be diving demonstrations by two Benton High School twins, Leon and Deon McClerren.

Show times will be at 8 p.m. Thursday Nov. 8, 7 and 8:45 p.m. Nov. 9, 7 and 8:45 p.m. and 8:45 Nov. 10. (Admission is 75 cents.)

Queen candidates include the following:

BROOKPORT: Marie Holifield.
CARBONDALE: Pat Dey.
CENTRALIA: Jean Meyers.
CHICAGO: Kitty Martin.
DU QUOIN: Jean Foehrer.
EAST ST. LOUIS: Gwendolyn Stokes.
ELDORADO: Pat Elder
ELMHURST: Jay Barry.
HARRISBURG: Suzanne Kihlmire and Marjorie Zinner.
HERRIN: Donna Yattoni, Marcia Caliper, and Helen Guetgemann.
JACKSONVILLE: Carolyn Highfill.
LA GRANGE: Rachael Barbour.
MASCOUTAH: Barbara Liebig.
METROPOLIS: Diana Marselli.
MOUND CITY: Lois Crim.
MT. VERNON: Zelma Johnson.
MURPHYSBORO: Janice Prather.
PINCKNEYVILLE: Sherry Craig.
POCAHONTAS: Ruth Craig.
RADOM: Jeanette Jankowski.
ROXANA: Bobby Jones.

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SALEM: Sandra Biagi.
VANDALIA: Kay Sue Eadie.
VERGENNES: Carolyn June Alstat.
WEST FRANKFORT: Peggy Burnett and Marylye Elkins.
WICKLIFFE, KY.: Ann Hughes.
ZEIGLER: Peggy O'Brien.

(Note to Editors: Those wanting one or two complimentary tickets will be available to editors or broadcasters for any of the five shows. Telephone or write Bill Hollada, SIU Information Service, specifying the date and time preferred. Tickets will be left in your name a the entrance to the swimming pool wing in the University School on the SIU campus.)

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ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS.

SIU COUNTRY COLUMN
By Albert Meyer

Forests cover a greater percentage of the land area and represent more importance in the present and potential economy of Southern Illinois than generally is realized.

At this season of the year forest fires are one of the bugaboos adversely affecting this important natural resource. Not only do the fires bring substantial and immediate financial loss, but this loss is magnified by damage to young trees and by destroying the protecting ground cover of decaying leaves that increases the supply of humus and the water-holding capacity of the soil.

the abundance of dry vegetation in fall and winter usually coincides with the open season on upland game with hunters tramping the fields. Unthinking carelessness with matches or cigarette butts, whether by hunters or autoists on the highways, may result in a raging field and forest fire. Little wonder that the thin ranks of state and national foresters who seek to protect these forest resources find comfort in intermittent showers of rain that dampen the vegetation and lessen the danger from fires.

The southern 16 counties of Illinois contain more than a million acres of timber, according to the 1956 annual report of the Carbondale, U.S. Forest Research Center located at Southern Illinois University. The foresters say that approximately 750,000 additional acres in the area would seem better suited for growing forest crops than for other uses. Together these acreages represent nearly 45 percent of the land area of these 16 counties.

Farmers own about 80 percent of this forest land, but many of them are not getting much of a return from their forested acres because they have not used the right management practices. (more)

Some probably know little about forest management. More concentrate on using other acres more intensively for quicker and higher returns per acre.

Forested acres may not give a big return quickly, but, under good management, will provide a steadily-growing income through the years at a low rate of labor input. Surplus farm labor may be applied to the forest for improvement or harvesting during slack seasons in other farm work. Research has provided the answers to many problems of growing, managing and using forests such as those in Southern Illinois, but trained foresters are busy seeking the solutions to many other problems. Their findings are available in publications or by actual personal advice.

The forests of Southern Illinois contain 2,600,000,000 board feet of sawtimber. They are growing more than 100,000,000 board feet annually, nearly twice the amount that is used. That appears to speak well for the timber resources of the area. There is a flaw in the picture, however. Many of the trees are of low quality or of species for which there is little demand. Unmanaged cut-over forests from which the good sawtimber has been removed have an oversupply of such trees which are boosting the total timber resource figure but have little cash value to the farm forest owner. Such trees, at the same time, are using the space and the plant nutrients needed by more valuable young trees which represent greater future returns.

Under a timber management program the farmer may use his spare time in winter killing unwanted cull trees and harvesting mature sawtimber, even though of low grade, permitting the better quality growing trees to develop more rapidly. Management studies by the foresters provide the know-how and have demonstrated that resources in good timber rise rapidly under such treatment.

The Carbondale Forest Research Center, as well as other U.S. Forest research facilities, are seriously tackling the job of finding new and better ways of using low quality sawtimber so that the forest resources of the area may be used more fully and be worth more to the farmer.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- Britain and America are "so mixed up together" they will stand together in all great tests, Charles Henry Campbell, director of the British Information Services branch in Washington, D.C., told students Thursday (10 a.m. Nov. 8) at Southern Illinois University.

Young Americans can strengthen this alliance "in the face of the tremendous threats that it faces" by helping toward closer understanding, Campbell said.

Admitting that the two countries have their differences, Campbell observed, "What we must guard against is the exaggeration of those differences through carelessness and misunderstanding."

The English-born, American-educated official, on the SIU campus as an Elijah P. Lovejoy lecturer in journalism, criticized the press for failing to fulfill its obligation in reporting world events.

An irresponsible free press may easily destroy its own freedom, he said, and "the need for responsibility is nowhere greater than in the field of international affairs."

The speaker suggested six simple rules for better understanding of what is going on in the world. They were:

1. Be sure of the meaning of words.
2. Be sure of your facts.
3. Beware of drawing parallels between past and present events.
4. Don't expect quick and clearcut results in international affairs.
5. Find out for yourself if you can.
6. Keep an open mind.

During World War II, as press officer for the United Kingdom delegation, Campbell attended a dozen international meetings. He also was press officer during visits to this country of Queen Elizabeth II, then Princess Elizabeth, and the Queen Mother.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--"Arms and the Man," George Bernard Shaw's three-act ribbing of 19th century romanticism, will be presented by the Southern Players of Southern Illinois University here the week of Dec. 3. Performances are scheduled nightly at 8 p.m. in the Southern Playhouse.

The cast of eight, under the direction of Dr. Sherwin Abrams, associate professor of speech, began rehearsing Nov. 4.

"Arms and the Man" is the second production on the Players' 1956-57 playbill which opened with Emlyn Williams' "Night Must Fall," performed during homecoming weekend. Other plays scheduled during the year are: "Romeo and Juliet," Feb. 11-16; "A Streetcar Named Desire," April 15-20, and "Our American Cousin," May 13-18.

Members of the cast of "Arms and the Man" are Patricia McCormick, St. Louis (3416 Magnolia) as Catherine Petkoff; Sally Jo Wright, Carbondale, as Raina Petkoff; Patricia Yates, DuQuoin, as Louka; Victor Cook, E. St. Louis (517 N. 87t as Nicola; Jerry Renken, Wood River, as the Russian officer; James Lash, Champaign (703 N. Randolph) as Bluntschli; C.V.Bennett, Carbondale, as Paul Petkoff, and Burke Fry, DuQuoin, as Sergius Saranoff.

Admission price is $1.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--Southern Illinois University's 24-game cage schedule includes eight new opponents. They include; North Dakota University, Valparaiso, Miami University (Ohio), and Indiana University. Others new to the schedule are; Midwestern University (Texas), Baker University (kansas), Beloit (Wisc.), and Ft. Leonard Wood (Mo.) Other teams slated are Illinois Wesleyan, Millikin, Indiana State, and the Interstate Conference schools.

Fourteen of the 24 games will be home affairs with three Christmas holiday tilts scheduled for area gyms at Flora, Harrisburg, and Herrin. Because of the small capacity (1,600) of the SIU gym, Southern's 6,300 students will be limited in their attendance at games and less than 300 Carbondale, and area residents will be permitted at each contest.

Opening home tilt is Dec. 6 against Ft. Leonard Wood. SIU opens its season against Valparaiso, Ind. Dec. 1 and then travels to Indiana University Dec. 8.

Complete schedule: Dec. 1--at Valparaiso; Dec. 6--Ft. Leonard Wood; Dec. 8--at Indiana University; Dec. 10--Midwestern (Texas); Dec. 14--Eastern Michigan; Dec. 15--Central Michigan; Dec. 19--North Dakota University at Herrin; Dec. 26--Millikin University at Flora; Dec. 28--Miami University (Ohio) at Harrisburg; Jan. 5--Baker University; Jan. 10--Beloit College; Jan. 12 Northern Illinois; Jan. 18--at Illinois Normal.

Jan. 19--at Western Illinois; Jan. 23--at Illinois Wesleyan; Jan. 28--Millikin University; Jan. 31--at Indiana State; Feb. 8--at Eastern Michigan; Feb. 9--at Central Michigan; Beb. 14--Eastern Illinois; Feb. 16--at Northern Illinois; Feb. 22--Illinois Normal; Feb. 23--Western Illinois; and March 1--at Eastern Illinois.

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HAYWARD COLLEGE MEMORIES REVIVED

John W. Allen
Southern Illinois University

During the years in which it operated, more than 2000 students enrolled in Hayward Collegiate Institute at Fairfield in Wayne County. A few days ago 23 of these former students held a reunion in the gymnasium of the Community High School there. It was their first formal meeting since the college building burned on the morning of November 1, 1898.

These former classmates came to renew acquaintances, some of which were formed more than 60 years ago. They also came to unveil a bronze tablet that indicated the location of the one-time college. Some had travelled considerable distances to be present, one coming from New York state.

A number of these former students went out to attain more than local prominence. One captain of the football team just 60 years ago, served 25 years as dean of the College of Commerce at the University of Illinois before his retirement a good many years ago. Some became ministers, attorneys, physicians and teachers. A number of those returning were housewives, proud of their families.

The marker they unveiled stands near the main entrance to the high school grounds and bears the following legend:

"SITE OF HAYWARD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
CHARTERED 1885. FINANCED BY SUBSCRIPTION,
THE LARGEST BY ROBERT HAYWARD, 1826-1908,
FOR WHOM IT WAS NAMED. THE FOUNDERS
STATED IT THE INTENTION TO MAKE IT THE
BEST, MOST INEXPENSIVE AND WIDELY
INFLUENTIAL SCHOOL IN THE LAND. ABOUT
2000 STUDENTS ATTENDED BEFORE THE
BUILDING BURNED in 1898.

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ERECTED BY
WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1955".

The original cornerstone of the college building is set in the lower right hand side of the memorial as one approaches it. This stone was rescued from the foundation of a barn where it was placed more than 50 years before. One the stone's exposed face one reads--"HAYWARD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE" and on the exposed end "ERECTED A. D. 1886."

Hayward college was founded because of the generosity of Robert Hayward for whom it was named. Hayward was born in Dorsetshire, England in 1826, coming with his parents to settle on a farm in Marion county, Ohio, where he grew up. When the Civil War came he joined the Union Army. After the war he returned to give undivided attention to farming at which he was highly successful. In 1880 he moved to a farm near Fairfield.

About the end of 1884 Hayward, who had been much impressed by the college at Marietta, Ohio, near which he had lived but had not been privileged to attend, stated that he would give his farm at Fairfield, worth $5000, toward the founding of an educational institution. When citizens of the town learned of this they started a movement to obtain additional funds and raised $6000 more. A charter was obtained from the state legislature on May 4, 1885, and plans were made for a building.

With the accumulated $11,000 a building of 10 rooms, a chapel, some recitation rooms and offices were built during the summer of 1886. The first eight weeks term began September 1, with 51 students in attendance. Before the end of the term the enrollment had reached 81, and before the year's end it was 250, representing six states. A student could enter at any time and could begin work on whatever level his attainments would permit, a strange arrangement now.

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The vow of the founders that it should be an inexpensive school was evidently fulfilled. Tuition was set at $8 per term. Some courses in music or art required additional fees. Ten lessons in oil painting could be had for $10, lessons in embroidery were 50 cents each. Those taking lessons on the piano or organ, also calling for added tuition, could practice one hour each day on their chosen instrument at a cost of $2 a term.

Prospective students were advised to bring any available textbooks with them because they "might find them helpful". It was not necessary, however, to bring texts, since those required could be rented for 20 cents a term. Some of the courses listed in the school's catalogs arouse a bit of curiosity. Just what is meant, for instance by "Automatic Lettering," "Kensington Painting" or "Decoration of Wares"?

Eighty-five percent of the boys attending took military training. These boys were asked to wear Middlesex Blue uniforms and were advised to delay the purchase of such suits until they came to Fairfield where the proper blue suit could be bought at a cost of from $7 to $10. Though the school was owned and under the supervision of the local Methodist church, it was specifically stated that it was not 'narrow'. Effort and merit 'not wealth nor dress nor high connection' determined the standing of the students.

There were literary societies, debating clubs, a YWCA, a YMCA, a school paper and a rousing football team whose exploits are still recounted by very old persons. Dancing was banned but this loss does not appear to have been so depressing. In its stead they had the "walkaround", where the band played and romantic couples could stroll about, hand in hand or arm in arm, over a prescribed course. The tendency to play pranks is revealed by the story related by a former student in which she tells of helping to put an organ in the attic on Hallowe'en.

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THE ROBERT E. LEE AND THE NATCHEZ

By John W. Allen
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The fact that "there's a law ag'in it" doesn't keep all persons from engaging in a proscribed activity; in fact, it never has. For instance, if the legal bans against steamboat racing had been fully effective, the best known of all such races would not have been run.

This contest that occurred just over 86 years ago grew out of the rivalry of two widely known and competent river men of that day. They were Captain John Cannon, owner of the Steamer Robert E. Lee, and Captain Thomas Leathers, who owned the steamer Natchez. These men were much alike in that each was an able river captain; beyond that they were very different.

Captain Cannon was a man of medium height and build. He dressed well and tastefully but never gaudily. He was calm, courteous, gentle and almost courtly in behavior. Some even termed him retiring in disposition. When the chips were down, however, Cannon was a decisive, forceful, energetic, ingenious and daring man. He was a Southerner reconciled to reconstruction.

Captain Leathers was a large man, well over six feet tall and of powerful build. His striking dress included ruffled shirts and diamond stick pins. We are told that his voice boomed. He moved with force and with a certain degree of majesty. No one accused him of being a retiring type of person. Until the end of his days some termed him an "Unreconstructed Rebel".

Apparently the event that really was the beginning of the later intense rivalry between the two men came in the summer of 1866, when Captain Cannon had a large and luxurious steamer built at the New Harmony, Indiana shipyard a short way downstream from Louisville. He named this steamer the Robert E. Lee.

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The Robert E. Lee was a large boat with a hull 285 feet six inches long, 46 feet wide and with a draft of nine feet. It carried eight boilers, and since it was a sidewheeler it had two engines. The cylinders of these engines were 42 inches in diameter, and each had a stroke of 10 feet. The paddle wheels were 39 feet in diameter and had buckets 17 feet wide. The overall width of the boat was 95 feet.

This great steamer began to attract wide attention and to arouse controversy even before its completion. When Captain Cannon selected the name, "Rob't E. Lee", and had it painted on the wheelbox of the new craft, old prejudices were revived and threats of sabotage were made. To safeguard against this happening, the unfinished vessel was taken across to the Kentucky side for completion.

On October 7, 1866 the Lee, with a large list of passengers anxious to travel on the new and luxurious craft, started on its first downstream trip to New Orleans, there to begin its regular run between that city and Memphis.

Almost immediately after the Lee began its run on the lower river, Captain Leathers arrived, leased a rival steamer and entered into competition with the Lee. The Captains were soon bitter rivals, becoming even more so when Leathers went to Cincinnati and had the Steamer Natchez built in 1869.

The Natchez was no puny craft. It was 303 feet long, with a hull the same width as the Lee, 46 feet, and with a draft of nine and a half feet. It also carried eight boilers and two engines. The bore of these engines was 34 inches and their stroke 10 feet. Its paddle wheels were 43 feet in diameter with buckets 11 feet wide. Its overall width was 83 feet, a truly magnificent craft.

Long established speed records on the Mississippi soon began to fall before these boats. Among those records was the one of three days 23 hours and 19 minutes set between New Orleans and St. Louis by the Steamer J. M. White in 1844. Urged on by personal pride and perhaps netted by the taunts and dares of others, a race was soon arranged between the two steamers.

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This race began shortly after five o'clock on the afternoon of June 30, 1870. The Lee was first away, leaving several minutes before the Natchez. They did not at any time race side by side, despite the beautiful prints of Currier and Ives that show them in such a position. The fact is that the Natchez was never near enough to catch a glimpse of the Lee after the beginning. They were not, however, very widely separated until after they had passed the mouth of the Ohio, where the Natchez was trailing by only an hour and ten minutes. It still could have been anyone's race.

Beyond this point misfortunes came to the Natchez. A heavy fog forced Captain Leathers to lay by for several hours. Engine troubles caused additional delay. In the meantime the Lee, ahead of the fog, raced on and reached the St. Louis wharf at 11:25 o'clock in the forenoon of July 4, having completed the run in 3 days, 18 hours and 14 minutes, an enduring record for a commercial craft. Seven hours later the Natchez limped into port.

The race was over but the poems, stories, songs, legends and controversies it aroused go merrily on. After the race the two craft returned to their regular runs and continued their rivarly, even to how many bales of cotton could a steamer haul? (Robert E. Lee 5741; Natchez, 5511.)

At intervals each of these boats came to the Southern Illinois shipyards at Mound City for service and repairs. The last visit of the Lee was in the summer of 1876, when an entry in the little ledger kept at the yard records the fact that the "Steamer Robert E. Lee..." was docked. Another entry, about three weeks later indicates that the "Wharfboat Robert E. Lee..." was launched. In that way the hull of the grand old steamer ended its days at Memphis. The chandeliers from its cabin still hang in the Presbyterian church at Port Gibson, Mississippi. The fine pair of deer antlers, the only prize of the race, are in the Kentucky state museum at Frankfort. Other articles that graced the craft are at "Cannon Acres" not far away.

The Natchez continued in service until 1879 when it was taken up the Ohio river to be dismantled. On its way it became fast on Rising Sun Bar, but a spurt rise in the river enabled it to free itself. On the afternoon of July 3, 1879, the eve of the ninth anniversary of the ending of the historic race, the Natchez tied up at the foot of Ludlow street in Cincinnati. Machinery, superstructure and fittings were removed. The hull, like that of the Lee, became another wharfboat for an oil company below Vicksburg.

Legends continue to grow about these two famous steamers. Perhaps this should be so, for they undoubtedly represent the high point of steamboating on the Western Waters.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Dr. Charles Foote, Southern Illinois University endocrinologist, has been awarded a grant of $21,500 from the U.S. Public Health Service for research work dealing with amphibian tissue growth. The three-year grant becomes effective Jan.1.

Foote's endocrine research has been partially supported by Southern for several years. He also has been awarded grants for tissue culture research from the American Philosophical Society.

An associate professor of zoology at SIU, Foote has long studied the sex-changing effect of synthetic hormones on frogs and other amphibians. His present study, designed to obtain information about sex differentiation in amphibia by the use of organ culture, began with preliminary research here and at the Strangeways Research Laboratory in Cambridge, England last year. Foote and Dr. Honor B. Fell, director of endocrine research at the Strangeways laboratory, found it possible to grow amphibian gonads in organ cultures for 25 days.

Foote now hopes to be able to grow gonads for a longer period of time and determine whether their sex can be changed in the culture medium.

His research subjects will be the offspring of several South African frogs imported especially for the project.

Assisting Foote will be his wife, Florence, who also holds a doctorate in zoology. She is a former lecturer in zoology, physiology and biology at SIU, Mt. Holyoke College and the University of Delaware.

Foote, who received his doctorate from the State University of Iowa, has been at Southern for the past 10 years. He has written research papers on his work for various scientific publications.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Final fall term figures released today by Registrar Robert McGrath show a record enrollment of 6,255 students at Southern Illinois University, nearly 800 more than a year ago.

The overall enrollment tabulation, including 833 students in extension classes, 515 pre-college students in the University Training School and 1,877 registered for adult education courses brings to nearly 10,000 the number of people studying at SIU or in University sponsored education programs.

The College of Education, with 2,042 students, continues to lead all other academic departments. The College of Liberal Arts and Science is next, with 1,306, followed by the School of Business, with 1,058.

Southern's Vocational-Technical Institute lists 531 full-time students while another 151 are enrolled in University courses at the Belleville Residence Center.

Freshmen, the most ever at 2,144 students, account for the biggest increase by classes. This year's junior class is up by more than 200 students, while the senior class and graduate school remain at about the same enrollment level as 1955.

Men still dominate the campus by a margin of more than two to one.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- An Alton couple with seven children will be honored as "Parents of the Day" Saturday (Nov. 10) at Southern Illinois University.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farnbach, Jr., (907 Logan) whose oldest son, John Ronald, is a freshman at Southern, will receive a trophy during "Parents Day" activities.

Farnbach is a welder at Laclede Steel Company, Alton, and his wife is a secretary at Missouri Insurance Company in St. Louis. The Farnbachs moved to Alton a year ago from Carrollton.

An SIU history major, John Ronald, 20, has three brothers and three sisters. He was graduated last spring from Alton High School.

The Farnbachs were selected as "Parents of the Day" in a drawing by Jane Curry, Cairo, Southern's 1956 Homecoming Queen.

Nearly 1,000 parents are expected on the campus Saturday, where they will see a variety show, a water show, and a football game, SIU vs. Illinois Normal.

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HALF MOON LICK, FAMOUS ILLINOIS
LANDMARK, WILL SOON BE FLOODED

The Gallatin Salines came into the possession of Illinois when the new state was formed. They immediately became an important source of revenue for the fledgling state. This is indicated by the fact that in 1821-22 the entire tax paid by residents of Illinois was only $7,121.09 while the state's income from the salt works was $10,563.09. It would appear that the state could hardly have survived without this income.

Half Moon Lick near Equality in Gallatin county was for many years a main source of supply for salt in the Mississippi valley. Until Illinois became a state, the lick and a considerable tract of the lands lying about it remained in the possession and under the management of the United States government. From time to time they would lease it to an individual or group to operate for a term of years, generally for a portion of the salt made.

Because of its importance as a source of supply and because the government wished to encourage the development of the industry that would assure an ample salt supply for the midwest, a rectangular tract of land 10 by 16 miles was set aside with a strip about three miles wide running to the mouth of the Saline River. In order to assure a supply of fuel wood for the salt furnaces, this tract was withdrawn from settlement and designated as the Saline Reservation.

At first all operations were centered in the immediate vicinity of the lick. The fuel demands soon removed the nearby forest and required the hauling of wood from a distance. This, in turn, reduced profits. The problem this presented was partially solved by establishing new furnaces some distance away and conveying the brine to them through pipelines, then a somewhat novel idea.

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These pipelines were made of logs from 10 to 16 inches in diameter and sometimes more than 16 feet long. The logs were bored lengthwise with holes four or more inches in diameter. This work was first done by hand but later a horsepowered device was arranged to do the work. After boring, the logs were reamed out at one end and tapered at the other. After placing an iron band at the reamed end to prevent splitting, the logs were jammed tightly together to form a pipeline.

A map prepared about 1816 shows seven of these lines going out from Half Moon, some of them extending for more than two miles. One such line went out from the lower spring located in Salt Spring Hollow about three miles below Equality. It was about this spring that John Crenshaw, builder and owner of the "Slave House", operated. This is the salt spring most visited and is often referred to as "Nigger Spring". It was near this spring that preliminary excavations made a few years ago by Irvin Peithman of S.I.U. indicated that more extensive research might reveal highly significant findings.

That the salt making industry near Equality was important in an early day is indicated by the fact that it, more than any other one factor, served to shape the policy of the new state concerning slavery. It also did much to bring about the movement to open Illinois to slavery at a later date.

Pits mark the sites of old wells in the Half Moon Lick area. Some of these pits have large trees growing within them or on their edges to indicate that they were abandoned more than 100 years ago. More well pits, filled and stacked with brush, are seen in a newly cleared field. They are the places where additional wells were sunk in an effort to obtain a better grade of brine.

Many of the workmen at the lick, both slave and white, lived in the village of Equality. Others lived in houses near the lick. A walk across the newly cleared field already mentioned reveals numerous spots where broken pieces of pottery, china, bricks and discolored stones show that a dwelling once stood. In another field on the other side of the woodland a number of wells and cisterns could be seen a few years ago.

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Two of them are still in evidence. When the salt works was in full operation, several hundred men worked here and there was a considerable village near the lick.

Now, after a few good rains, Half Moon Lick, one of the most noted landmarks connected with the story of early Southern Illinois, will disappear. The "lick" will be submerged.

A recently constructed dam across the outlet through which the famous salt lick drained will create a lake covering the site and some 30 or 40 additional acres of land. Half Moon Lick will be in the deeper part near the dam.

There can be nothing particularly wrong with the placing of this dam. The deer and buffalo, evidently millions of them, that once came along the now dim trails to lick the salty earth have been gone for a long, long time. Gone, also, are the Indians who came here to hunt or to make salt for themselves. Even the white men who came here to establish the first saltworks, for many years the most important industry in the region, have been gone for more than 80 years.

None of the buildings that served the early industry are left. The derricks, towers, tanks, furnaces, offices, shops and dwellings have all disappeared. To the casual viewer little remains to indicate the extent of the industry that once flourished here.

Some very old persons can still point out the site where Castle and Temple, last operators of the works, had their office. These same persons will help you find bits of low crumbling walls that once were the foundations upon which the kettles and pans were arranged to boil the salty water. About these sites one also finds bits of broken kettles and pans and iron fittings that now are puzzling.

To one who would browse about over the scenes of early Illinois history, a trip to the spot where this early industry flourished would prove rewarding. A book could be written about the Gallatin Salines.

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CAIRO, ILL., NOV. -- Duck and goose hunters who flock to Cairo each year about this time from all parts of the country found themselves in the midst of a different kind of excitement today.

The cause of unusual activity in this historic river town was a mass meeting which will be held Tuesday night (Nov. 13) to involve thousands of citizen volunteers in a long-range community development program. Window placards, lapel tags, table cards and leaflets dropped from airplanes announced the 8 p.m. gathering in the Cairo Armory. Every telephone subscriber was being informed of the meeting while Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts hung notices on residential door knobs and women passed out handbills on street corners.

Indications were that as many as 4000 persons would jam into the Armory to sign up for committee jobs and elect officers to head the community effort.

School children carried home pledge cards to insure attendance of their parents and also prepared community development posters for contest judging. Ministers urged their congregations from the pulpit to take part in the citizen action program. Car pools were being organized so that all interested persons could be on hand.

The community effort was started with the help of Southern Illinois University in September and local volunteers already have conducted a census and fact-finding surveys. Study committees will now be created to thoroughly analyze all aspects of community life and make recommendations for improvements. All Cairo residents will be asked to take part in frequent block,neighborhood and town gatherings in the coming months so that organized action can be taken on community problems wherever they occur.

Richard W. Poston,director of the University's department of community development, will explain committee functions at the Tuesday meeting, and each member of the audience may sign up for the committee of his choice. Among the other speakers will be a representative of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency, which is concerned with urban rental projects. (more)

A general chairman for the program, a vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer will be elected. Walter D. Gates, area secretary for the Bi-County Tuberculosis Project, has been serving as temporary chairman.

Winners in the school poster and slogan contests will be named and the posters displayed at the meeting. Also to be announced is the population count derived from the census of Cairo and the area north to the Cache River.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Southern Illinois legislators and representatives of state and regional organizations interested in schools have been invited to a dinner meeting of the board of directors of the Educational Council of 100, Inc., December 11, at Southern Illinois University.

Council President Harry F. Truitt, Vandalia, said the meeting will provide an opportunity for area educational leaders and legislators to discuss area school problems.

Also at the meeting, Southern Illinois University's budget request for the 1957-59 biennium will be explained, Truitt said. Members of the SIU Board of Trustees have been invited.

Organizations expected to send representatives include the Illinois Agricultural Association, Illinois Education Association and its downstate divisions, Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers, Schoolmasters Club, and Southern Illinois, Incorporated. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction also will be represented.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the University Cafeteria.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- A Southern Illinois University foods specialist has good news for homemakers who want to add variety to the family's menu this Thanksgiving season.

Searching her files, Mrs. Mary Louise Barnes uncovered some unusual recipes to help break the routine of turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

Her suggestions:

CRANBERRY-PINEAPPLE PUNCH

One-fourth cup unblanched almonds; 1/2 cup seedless raisins (white if available), peel of one medium orange; 1 small piece of stick cinnamon; 1/4 teaspoon allspice berries and/or whole cloves; 2 cups water.

Tie the spices in a cheesecloth bag. Simmer these with the water, nuts, raisins and orange peel for about 15 minutes. Discard the peel and the spice bag. Chill thoroughly. When ready to serve, add to the above chilled liquid a No. 2 can of pineapple juice and 2 pints of bottled or canned cranberry juice. See that a few raisins and an almond are served in each glass.

OYSTER PIE

One-fourth cup butter or margarine; 2 tablespoons chopped onion; 1/4 cup enrich flour; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon celery salt; 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; 1 1/2 cups milk; 1 pint fresh oysters; 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, if desired.

Melt butter or margarine in saucepan. Add onion and brown lightly. Stir in flour, salt, celery salt and Worcestershire sauce. Add milk and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Add oysters and parsley. Pour into 2-quart casserole. Top with biscuit crust. Pat or roll the biscuit dough out to a circle 1/2 inch smaller than casserole. Cut into 8 wedge-shaped pieces. Arrange on top of oyster mixture in cassarole. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) 25 to 30 minutes.

ACORN SQUASH SHELLS WITH CREAMED HAM

Choose small evenly sized acorn squashes. Cut in half. Remove seeds, butter the inside with a pastry brush and sprinkle with salt. Bake upside down in a shallow pan at 375 degrees F. until soft, or about 45 minutes. When done, fill with creamed ham and serve directly on the plate.

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TWICE-BAKED ACORN SQUASH WITH SAUSAGE

Bake small uniform sized acorn squashes either whole or in halves at 375 degrees F. until soft. Cook bulk type sausage in a skillet dividing it loosely over a low to modern heat, draining off some of the fat. Scoop out the squash pulp and whip up with butter and hot milk until light. Combine with the partially cooked sausage, return to the shell, and reheat in the oven.

SPANISH STYLE TURNIPS

Serves 4 to 6. Four cups of diced turnips cut in 1/2 inch cubes; 1 to 2 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper; 1/2 of a canned pimento, finely cut; 1 tablespoon onion, very finely minced; a dash of Worcestershire sauce; approx. 1/2 cup grated cheese; 1 cup white or cream sauce.

Cook the potatoes in boiling salted water until tender, but with no loss of shape. Combine with the other ingredients, adding the hot cream sauce just before serving. Reheat only if necessary for a piping hot vegetable.

WHIPPED RUTABAGA AND POTATOES

Serves 4 to 6. Peel, dice and cook enough rutabaga to yield 1 1/2 cups of mashed, unseasoned vegetable. Prepare 3 cups mashed potatoes. Combine the 2 vegetables while hot. Add salt and pepper to taste, 6 tablespoons melted butter and 1/2 teaspoon or more of your favorite bottled meat sauce. Whip these until light, reheating only if necessary.

UNBAKED COOKIES

Boil for 1 minute 1/4 lb. margarine, 2 cups sugar and 1/2 cup milk. Add 6 tablespoons cocoa, 1/2 cups peanut butter and 3 cups oatmeal, quick-cooking type. Mix well and drop by spoonsful on waxed paper. When cooled sufficiently, store in cookie jar.

FROSTED APPLES

Wash and halve large Jonathan apples. Do not peel. Remove the cores. Cook in a generous amount of light syrup on top of the stove until the apples are tender. Remove the apples. Return the syrup to the fire and boil down until it begins to give the jelly test. Pour this thick syrup over the beaten white of egg. Top each half apple with the frosting and garnish with finely chopped nuts.

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NEWS from Bill Lyons
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Carbondale, Ill. -- Phone 1020

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Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- Few families need to be coaxed when it comes to eating turkey on Thanksgiving Day, but it takes a clever homemaker to keep turkey leftovers from going to waste afterwards.

A turkey-pineapple casserole which transforms leftovers into something fresh and appetizing will help solve this post-holiday problem, suggests Mrs. Mary Louise Barnes, foods specialist at Southern Illinois University.

Her recipe:

Four ounces medium-cut noodles; 1 1/2 cups chopped cooked turkey; 1 1/4 cups condensed cream of celery soup (or cream of mushroom soup); 1/3 cup milk; 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 4 slices pineapple; 1 cup shredded American cheese; paprika.

Cook noodles in boiling salted water until tender. Drain and rinse. Combine turkey, celery soup, milk, onion and salt, mixing until well blended. Fold in noodles. Pour into 1 1/2-quart casserole. Arrange pineapple slices on top. Sprinkle with cheese and top with paprika. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 20 to 30 minutes. Makes 4 generous servings.

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NEWS from Bill Loyns
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Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. --Unlike many bathing beauties Southern Illinois University's first annual Dolphin Queen, picked here last week end, not only likes swimming, but names it as her favorite sport.

Miss Pat Elder, 18-year-old blond from Eldorado, won over 31 candidates in the contest where the finalists were chosen by the nearly 2,000 persons who attended the five shows.

"Next to swimming, horseback riding ranks second, " commented Miss Elder, who previously was queen attendant and "Miss Freshman" at SIU's Homecoming activities. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elder of Eldorado, she is attending Southern on a state scholarship, majoring in history in the College of Education.

Other finalists in the show were Pat Dey, Carbondale; Barbara Liebig, Mascoutah; Zelma Johnson, Mt. Vernon: Sandra Biagi, Salem; Maryblye Elkins, West Frankfort; Kay Sue Eadie, Vandalia; and Rachel Barbour, La Grange.

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11/12/56

Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- The coming quail hunting season should be one of Southern Illinois' best in years, according to the experts.

Field observers in the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory at Southern Illinois University say all the signs point to an unusually high concentration of quail this year. Willard D. Klimstra, director of the Laboratory, adds that the Southern Illinois quail population looks bigger this season than it has since 1950, the year quail management studies were begun in cooperation with the State Natural History Survey.

The optimistic report is based on studies conducted at a quail research area located near Carbondale. Quail populations on the 1,000 acre area are up by more than 13 percent, with the average covey size larger by 25 percent than those checked in 1955.

Hatching has been successful in 40 percent of the 70 nests surveyed, one of the highest averages in seven years. In addition, brood sizes are good. Klimstra says indications point to an even distribution of hatches throughout summer and fall. Some nesting birds were active so late Klimstra predicts hunters will run into some "squealers" this season.

A light but steady pattern of rainfall throughout the summer and good cover growths are credited for the population boost. Klimstra warns that late drouth conditions will hamper dogs working in the field but adds, "The quail are there, even though the dogs may have a tough time locating them."

The season opens Saturday (Nov. 17).

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Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. Tests of General Educational Development, designed to help Illinois residents attain high school diplomas, will be administered Dec. 7-8 at Southern Illinois University, according to Dr. Jack W. Graham, coordinator of the SIU Counseling and Testing Center.

Any person 21 or over seeking a diploma through the testing program should bring a letter from his high school principal, Graham said. The letter must indicate that upon successful completion of the tests, the school will grant a diploma.

Tests will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7. A day and a half of testing is required.

GED tests are offered without charge the first Friday and Saturday of each month at Southern.

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NEWS from Bill Lyons
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Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--Melvin S. Brooks, Southern Illinois University lecturer in sociology, is directing a new sociology department research project for the study of the social, educational and health aspects of migrant farm labor families in the fruit and vegetable producing areas of Southern Illinois.

The general aim, Brooks says, is to determine some of the sociological effects of migration on the families of the migrants. Involved will be family composition and family life--to what extent entire families migrate, their pattern of living, the education of their children, and their reaction to the communities in which they work.

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Release: IMMEDIATE

ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS.

CARBONDALE, Ill., Nov. --Three newly purchased two-year-old purebred Holstein dairy cows have arrived to join the Southern Illinois University School of Agriculture dairy center herd.

Howard H. Olson, SIU dairy specialist, says the animals, first purebred Holsteins added to the dairy center, will be used as foundation stock to build a Holstein herd. The center already has herds of Jerseys and Guernseys totalling 32 animals. Dairy Center herds are used primarily for teaching purposes in the School of Agriculture.

The new Holsteins, all due to calve this winter, recently were purchased at the state Holstein sale--"Harvest of Stars Sale"-- at St. Charles, Ill. Heading the list is Pleasantland Governor Nellie who comes from the herd of Ralph A. Muller and Sons, Washington, Ill., one of the 10 highest milk producing Holstein herds in Illinois. The other two animals are named Lawn Grove Madcap Sally and Cubela Montvic Silver.

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Release: IMMEDIATE

SIU SPORTS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. --Thanks to the generosity of more than 330 Southern Illinois University alumni and friends, SIU track coach Leland P. (Doc) Lingle will leave Friday (Nov. 16) for the Olympic games in Australia.

As a tribute to Lingle's 30 years of coaching track at Southern and for his personal help with former SIU runner, Phil Coleman, who will compete in the Olympic 3,000-meter steeplechase, contributors from more than a dozen states have raised $1,700 to pay the expenses of the trip.

Lingle was honored at a send-off dinner at the University Cafeteria Wednesday (Nov. 14) evening.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. --Southern's physical education activities have reached a record peak this fall, straining all available facilities.

The university is offering more than 120 physical education courses, while more than 1,00 students are participating in the men and women's intramural programs.

All this activity taxes Southern's athletic facilities, which were built for a student body of less than one-third of the present 6,255. It also has proved difficult for Southern's athletic teams to find time and room for practice because of crowded scheduling.

During the past month, more than 300 athletes representing six varsity sports--football, basketball, cross country, wrestling, swimming, and gymnastics--have been undergoing daily workouts.

To ease crowded conditions, some physical education offices have been moved to a wing of the former library, while the wrestling and gymnastic teams share a quonset hut with a rental bicycle service.

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11-14-56

Release: IMMEDIATE

CAIRO, ILL., NOV. -- Barney Fischer, president of the Security National Bank, has been named permanent chairman of Cairo's long-range community development program which swept into high gear with a town meeting Tuesday night (Nov. 13).

Local residents who filled the spacious Armory here also elected Merrill Currier, manager of Radio Station WKRO, vice chairman of the program.

Hundreds of persons at the meeting signed up to serve on 19 study committees which will thoroughly investigate the community from every angle, seeking solutions to some of the problems facing Cairo. The committee recommendations, to be made at subsequent town meetings throughout the winter and spring, will become the basis for civic action projects.

Richard W. Poston, director of Southern Illinois University's department of community development, told the assembly that teamwork and democratic citizen action could make the Cairo program a "tremendous success". Poston's department will work closely with the community effort and will have three full-time field consultants working here.

Gilbert Barnhart, director of the Demonstration Branch of the Urban Renewal Administration, came here from Washington for the meeting. He told the audience they had the opportunity to make Cairo "a model for other communities".

"With the University's assistance and a continuation of the spirit shown here tonight, Cairo will become known all over the country", Barnhart said.

Rep. Kenneth J. Gray, West Frankfort, told townspeople they would not see the fruits of their endeavors born overnight, but he counseled "patience and tolerance" as the program progresses.

A poster contest among students in connection with the program was won by Penny Weber, Cairo Junior High.

Mrs. Lester Kahn, census chief, said that 200 volunteers had nearly completed their job of searching "boats, attics, basements, homes, stores" to count the local population and gather other information for the benefit of committee research. She said incomplete returns indicate Cairo has suffered a population loss since the 1950 census. -eh-

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11-14-56

Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- With only one fullback available for duty, Southern Illinois University drilled this week for its closing game against Northern Illinois at DeKalb Saturday (Nov. 17).

SIU's number one fullback, Richard White, St. Louis, received a knee injury in last week's 27-13 loss to Illinois Normal and will not make the trip. Another highly-regarded fullback, Paul Restivo, Herrin, who has averaged eight yards a carry, received a broken nose against Washington University two weeks ago, sidelining him for the rest of the year.

This leaves only freshman Charles Hamilton, 185 pounder from Herrin. SIU Coach Al Kawal is considering moving halfback Cecil Hart, Hillsboro, to fullback for emergency duty, but Hart has been troubled by a bad ankle most of the season.

Carver Shannon, sophomore from Corinth, Miss., whose 74 points makes him one of the top scorers in the nation, returned to duty last week after suffering a shoulder separation two weeks earlier. In seven games he has gained 569 yards in 79 carries for an 81.3 per game mark.

Highlighting the line play last week was Marion Rushing, end from Pinckneyville, who time after time broke through for key tackles. Southern's offensive attack worked well the first half, but fell apart the second half as Normal surged ahead.

A victory Saturday would push Southern into a three-way tie for third place in the Interstate conference standings and a possible four-way tie for second if Eastern Illinois should upset Western Illinois in their final tilt.

Northern is 0-5 in conference play, but Southern scouts report that the team has been gradually improving and is stronger than the scores indicate. SIU, 2-3 in the league, has a 3-5 season record.

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11/14/56

Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- Composer Roy Harris and his pianist wife Johana will be presented in a lecture-recital by the Southern Illinois University music department here Thursday (Nov. 29). The program, free to the public, begins at 8:15 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium.

Harris, America's foremost living composer, is distinguished visiting professor of music at Southern, having come to Carbondale in September from a post as composer in residence at Chatham College, Pennsylvania. Johana, a child prodigy who was a member of the Juilliard School of Music faculty at the age of 15, is currently recording the entire Debussy piano library for a major recording company.

Included on the program will be three works by Harris as well as five Debussy preludes, five Chopin etudes, Beethoven's "Sonata in E major, Op. 109" and Chaconne," by Bach-Busoni.

The 58-year-old Harris, composer of more than 100 works, received the second highest listing in a 1952 poll of the world's major composers, musicologists, critics, theorists and conductors to determine the "most significant contributors to music during the second quarter of the 20th century." Paul Hindemith finished first and Arthur Honnegger third. While at Southern Harris is completing his "Eighth Symphony," due to be premiered by the Philadelphia Symphony next May.

Harris, who was forced to listen to the premiere of his "Seventh Symphony" from a Pittsburgh hospital bed early this year after being injured in a car accident, is now recovering from his second osteopathic setback of the year--an ankle fracture resulting from a fall as he was leaving a campus movie.

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11-15-56

Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE,ILL., NOV. -- The Southern Illinois University board of trustees Thursday (Nov. 15) approved 1957-59 budgetary requests totalling $64,583,139. The board will ask the state legislature to appropriate $25,264,139 for operations and $39,319,000 for new buildings and other capital improvements.

The operations figure was increased $10,586,713 over the appropriation for 1955-57 in the face of an anticipated enrollment increase of 1500 to 2000 students during the next two years. Some $2,109,000 of the increase would be earmarked for salary adjustments, bringing the total payroll request to $17,574,939.

University President D. W. Morris said Southern's efforts to improve the quality of its instructional and research programs have been made extremely difficult because of the necessity of handling abnormally large increases in enrollments. The University's present student body of 6,255 reflects an increase of more than 100 percent in four years, and it is estimated there will be 7,850 students on campus by 1958 if adequate facilities are available.

Morris said past appropriations from the state legislature had enabled Southern to grow rapidly but the University's over-all program had been hampered by "heavy teaching loads and inability to pay salaries which are competitive with other agencies employing highly trained personnel."

In addition to salary hikes, the $10,575,513 boost in the operations budget request was slated to be used for such things as increasing effectiveness of existing University programs, meeting anticipated enrollment gains during the next two years, and catching up with past enrollment increases for which appropriations were inadequate.

The capital appropriations request would enable Southern to construct 12 new buildings, ranging in cost from $550,000 to $4,500,000. President Morris said many of the 444 students who applied for admission last fall but did not enroll were those who could not find housing or were prevented from attending classes already filled to capacity. (more)

Commenting on the emergency situation regarding buildings, President Morris stated that although several new structures had been added during the past few years, the space situation is actually tighter than ever because of large enrollment increases. If the school is to keep up with prospective enrollments, he said, it will be necessary for the state to provide a massive building program in the near future.

The request also anticipates possible development of additional facilities for higher education in the Madison-St. Clair County area.

The proposed new buildings would house Physical Education and Military Training, Home Economics, College of Education, Industrial Education and Technology, and a School of Business. Almost $3,000,000 will be asked for completion of unfinished buildings.

Noting the progress Southern has made in recent years in instruction, research and area service, President Morris said demands upon the University "have in many respects grown more rapidly than its ability to render services, with available finances.

"The result is that Southern Illinois University is doing a bigger job and in many ways doing it better, but it still has a long way to go in order to meet in full the demands upon it," Morris told the board.

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Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Southern Illinois University students majoring in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences may now take a minor in religion.

The SIU board of trustees Thursday (Nov. 15) approved a proposal worked out by the University and religious foundations located close to the campus.

The 30 hours required for a minor in religion would include 15 hours of instruction by ministers in the religious foundations and 15 hours in such University departments as sociology, psychology, history and philosophy.

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11-15-56

Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Southern Illinois University will request the Illinois legislature to provide stepped-up educational offerings in the Madison-St. Clair County area in compliance with the wishes of the citizens of those counties.

According to proposed budgets approved by the SIU Board of Trustees, Southern will request $298,000 for increasing educational offerings in the two-county area; $300,000 for site acquisition, and $265,000 for architects' and engineers' fees.

At a meeting Thursday (Nov. 15), the SIU board of trustees authorized the special request which would enable the University to go ahead with previous plans for establishing one or more additional residence centers in that section similar to an SIU center which has been in operation for more than eight years.

Southern established a Residence Center in the Belleville High School in 1949 which concentrated mainly on senior college and graduate level courses, most of which were geared to the needs of public school teachers. Since that time, however, there has been "a growing interest in a diversified program of training for other fields as well", SIU officials told the board.

The trustees endorsed the recent action by the Governor's Commission on Higher Education, headed by Maj. Lenox R. Lohr. The commission has recommended that "a top flight man who has no personal interest in the area" be employed to make an educational survey of the Madison-St. Clair County area, with expectation that a report may be received while the legislature is in session.

The Board action Thursday followed a meeting of Madison-St. Clair county citizens on the Southern campus Oct. 23, when the trustees indicated they would support local efforts to get a four-year college program, affililiated with SIU and centered in the two counties.

The special budget request would enable the University to employ faculty members and plan "appropriate physical facilities" for the proposed four-year program which might eventually entail creation of another SIU campus.

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Southern will begin immediately to study the educational needs and available classroom space in the area before determining where additional residence centers should be started.

The increases in residence center staff and course offerings "would provide the nucleus of a student body and of a faculty for any further developments", SIU officials said.

If the legislative appropriation is granted, Southern would be able to start basic academic courses carrying resident student credit on the freshman-sophomore level during the 1957-59 biennium.

It has been estimated that 18,000 youths in the Madison-St. Clair County area will be ready for college by 1970.

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Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. --For the first time in its eight year history, the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra will begin a concert season here Tuesday (Nov. 20) minus its colorful conductor, Dr. Maurits Kesnar. Confined to a hospital while undergoing treatment for a recurring ailment, Kesnar will be temporarily replaced on the podium by Dr. Henry Bruinsma, chairman of the Southern Illinois University music department. The concert, featuring tenor soloist Edward Kane, begins at 8:15 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium.

The program, sponsored by the Carbondale Business and Professional Women's Club, will spotlight the works of French composers with the exception of a small suite by Willem Pyper, contemporary Dutch artist. Kane, a native of Paducah, Ky., will sing the "Flower Song" from Bizet's opera, "Carmen." Also on the program are the overture to "Phaedre," by Massenet; Bizet's "First Symphony," "Danse Macabrem" by Saint Saens, with violin solo by Zamir Bavel, and the overture to "Le Roi D'Ys," by Lalo.

Dr. Kesnar, who came to Southern 10 years ago after a career that included directing and playing in symphony orchestras in Minneapolis and New York as well as his native Holland, is expected to be confined for three weeks. During his absence Bruinsma also has assumed direction of the 200-voice Southern Illinois corus which will perform here Dec. 9 in the annual presentation of "The Messiah."

(Admission to the syphony concert will be 50 cents. Students with activity cards will be admitted free.

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News from Bill Lyons
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CARBONDALE, ILL. PHONE: 1020 Release: immediate

Carbondale, Ill., Nov. -- A former research psychologist for the Department of Army has been named associate professor of psychology at Southern Illinois University.

Hobart G. Osburn is currently senior research scientist for the Human Resources Research Office, George Washington University.

The University board of trustees also approved the appointment of Rebecca Baker Thursday (Nov. 15) as associate professor of education. Miss Baker, now an assistant professor of education at the University of Wisconsin, will replace Mary E. Entsminger, who is retiring at the end of the fall term.

Susumu Nagai, associate professor at Osaka City University, Japan, was named research professor in the Biological Research Laboratory at Southern.

Twila Jean Hoffman, a staff nurse with the Rochester,Minn., health department and formerly with the Adams County, Ill., health department, was appointed assistant professor of nursing. Robert W. Merz, director of the Carbondale Research Center of the U.S. Forest Service, was named adjunct professor in the Cooperative Foresty Research Project.

Two field representatives were added to the staff of the department of community development. They are Robert C. Child, formerly field man for the Illinois Youth Commission and the Illinois Association for the Crippled, Inc., and Boyd B. Butler, a former Southern Illinois high school teacher (Trico, Gorham and Murphysboro) and field representative of the Louisa County, Ill., Farm Bureau.

Among the temporary appointments made by the board was that of Mrs. Gladys Tucker, lecturer in home economics, who was on Southern's faculty previously. A new lecturer in music is Donald Murray who has served on the staff of the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Mich.

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Release: IMMEDIATE

ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS

SIU COUNTRY COLUMN

by Albert Meyer

The problem of keeping up egg production from small farm laying flocks often is aggravated by bad weather during the winter season. Additional precautions are necessary to keep the flock healthy and well fed during this period when there is less sunshine and the weather more often is damp and cold. For commercial producers with large flocks this may present fewer problems than for the smaller producer because of better poultry housing facilities and more labor-saving devices.

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Winter feed rations need to be fortified with vitamins--which are more available naturally in summer--if the birds are to remain healthy and keep up egg production. Vitamin D supplement needs to be added to the ration to compensate for reduced solar irradiation during the shorter, less sunny days of winter. Such vitamin D-rich food substances as fish liver oils or irradiated animal sterols may fill the need.

Alfalfa leaf meal is a good source of vitamin A which is essential to poultry health in winter when the chickens cannot be on range to obtain it from green grass and legumes. Adding 10 pounds of dehydrated alfalfa leaf meal to 100 pounds of laying mash is considered about right. Yellow corn as a scratch feed with the mash is a good ration.

Milton Y. Dendy, SIU poultry specialist, says that it may be wise to fortify rations for layer and breeder flocks with antibiotics during winter months to help keep the birds healthy.

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If neck molt--a loss of feathers around the neck--shows up in the laying flock, it is a good indication that the hens are not getting enough light. Poultry flocks need 13 or 14 hours of light daily to stay in good production. Therefore artificial lighting is needed in the poultry house in winter to give the hens the proper length working day.

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Forty-watt lamps in 15-inch cone-shaped reflectors, placed at 10-foot intervals about six feet above the floor in a long laying house will give good results. One lamp takes care of about 200 square feet of floor space. Installing an automatic timer to turn the poultry house lights on and off at specified times is not too expensive. It will provide regularity and save much time for the farmer. It is most desirable to have the artificial lights on during early morning hours.

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Inadequate ventilation always is a winter problem for many flock owners. Laying hens need to be comfortable. Ventilation of the laying house without direct draft on the hens is essential to health. When the poultry house is closed in winter, the farmer should watch for the odor of ammonia fumes. If these develop, it is a sign of improper ventilation, Dendy says. The odor of ammonia comes from excessive litter moisture. Using deep litter and stirring it occasionally while using good ventilation practices with windows or other types of ventilation will help solve the problem.

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Broody hens are a problem in winter as well as in summer. Keep an eye open for them and put the offenders in the coop at the first sign of broodiness so that they will be cured and returned to production as soon as possible. Four or five days in the broody coop with plenty of light, feed and water to keep the birds in good physical condition usually will cure broodiness.

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11/15/56

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- A Health and Physical Education Conference, first meeting of its kind in Southern Illinois, will be conducted Nov. 29-30 at Southern Illinois University.

Featured speakers will be two of the nation's leading educators, Dr. Harold Benjamin of George Peabody College for Teachers and Dr. Delbert O. Oberteuffer, Ohio State University.

First day of the conference will be exclusively for area health and physical education teachers, according to Dr. John R. LeFevre, SIU associate professor of health education, who is conference director. Southern Illinois school administrators and board members will attend the second day meeting.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. each day at the University Cafeteria, and general sessions will be held in the Library Auditorium.

Dr. Benjamin, former faculty member at Harvard and Stanford, has served as director of International Educational Relations for the federal government. He also has been a member of U. S. education missions to Korea, Thailand, Japan, and Afghanistan. Dr. Oberteuffer, former state director of health and physical education in Ohio, is a past president of the College Physical Education Association. Both have written several books in their fields.

Co-sponsoring the conference are the Southern District of the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation and the departments of Health Education and Physical Education at Southern Illinois University.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Carbondale, Ill.--Phone: 1020 Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Twenty-three members of the European Productivity Agency team will be in Southern Illinois for nearly two weeks following Thanksgiving to study the community development program of Southern Illinois University.

The visitors, representing seven European countries, will spend most of their stay on the SIU campus, but they will also see the progress made through community development at Eldorado, Mounds, Cobden and Cairo.

Most of the team members are government officials although there is a Chamber of Commerce executive, a labor leader and a university professor among them. They represent such agencies as the German Ministry of Labor, the Belgian Ministry of Economic Affairs, and the Norwegian Productivity Institute.

Five of the team members come from Belgium, four from Germany, four from Italy, three from Norway, three from Denmark, two from France and two from the Netherlands. They have been in this country since Oct. 30 to see various development programs in the East and Midwest, but their longest stop in any area will be in Southern Illinois.

H. Curtis Mial, executive secretary of the New York State Citizens' Council, will be their guide on the Southern Illinois trip. The visit to this country was arranged by the State Department's International Cooperation Administration.

The team will be in Carbondale from Nov. 24 to Nov. 27 for meetings and orientation sessions with members of the SIU community development department staff. On Nov. 28, they will have breakfast in Cobden, visit a new factory at Mounds, and spend the remainder of the day in Cairo where a community development effort has been launched only recently. The following day, they will go to Eldorado.

The group will split up Dec. 2 for trips to Toledo, O., Madison, Wis., and Auburn, N.Y., before sailing for Europe Dec. 20.

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Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- The Illinois Agricultural Association has voted to back Southern Illinois University's efforts to obtain adequate funds for training students in agriculture, home economics and nursing education.

In a resolution passed unanimously Thursday (Nov. 15) at its annual meeting in Chicago, the IAA pledged support for the University when it seeks appropriations for these purposes from the General Assembly.

The same day, Southern's board of trustees approved 1957-59 budget requests totalling $64,583,139, enabling the University to construct 12 new buildings, ranging in cost from $550,000 to $4,500,000. Buildings for Home Economics and for the College of Education are among those proposed. A new Agriculture building already is under construction.

The full text of the resolution:

"We commend Southern Illinois University for having adopted a long range plan to provide adequate facilities for an improved educational program. Subject to further review of specific projects, the Illinois Agricultural Association will support Southern Illinois University in its efforts to obtain appropriations in the General Assembly to meet the costs of effective training of students in agriculture, home economics and nursing education."

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11/19/56

Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov. -- Southern Illinois University's debate squad kicked off the 1956-1957 season by winning 25 out of 32 team rounds in the Bradley University Invitational Tournament at Peoria Friday and Saturday (Nov. 16-17).

Two SIU teams were undefeated in four rounds of competition. LaDonna McMurray, DuQuoin, and Harry Lux, Columbia, defeated Wisconsin State College at Oshkosh; Simpson; Augustana, and Northwest Missouri. Vernal Beckman, Granite City, and Kenneth Carter, Belknap, compiled a perfect record against Northern Illinois, Bradley, Manchester, and Buena Vista.

Northwestern University notched the best record in the 10th annual event with a total of five undefeated teams.

More than 500 college debaters representing 60 midwestern schools were entered in the affair, one of the nation's largest invitational tournaments.

Despite the comparative inexperience of Coach Walter Murrish's traveling unit--only five with previous intercollegiate debate experience--SIU improved considerably over last year's 18-14 team record at Bradley.

Other SIU team results at Bradley:

Leon Scroggins, Equality, and Joe Selement, Carbondale, defeated St. Mary's, University of Iowa and Goshen; lost to Lake Forest.

Peter Morris, Carbondale, and Ted Foster, Carbondale, defeated Wisconsin State College, Manchester and Bethel; lost to Nebraska Weslyan.

Harold and Nancy Allen, Cairo, defeated the University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, and Illinois Weslyan; lost to Carroll.

Ray Canterbery, Mt. Morris, and Robert Holton, Granite City, defeated WSC at Eau Claire, Loyola, and Lake Forest; lost to Luther.

Shirley McCluskey, Carterville, and Richard Hunsaker, New Athens, defeated North Central, Drake, and Normal; lost to WDC at LaCrosse.

Regina Miller, DuQuoin, and Marsha Wiehn, DuQuoin, defeated Dubuque and McKendree; lost to Northwestern and WSC at Oshkosh.

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SIU SPORTS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--Wayne Williams, Southern Illinois University graduate student from Du Quoin, has rejoined the New York Giants pro grid team, which currently leads the Eastern Division.

Williams, an outstanding end for SIU before graduating last spring, played for the Giants in several exhibition games in August and September before enrolling for graduate work at SIU. He served as an assistant SIU coach in football this season.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--Southern Illinois basketball fans have a chance to save more than 40 cents a game under a reserved seat ticket plan now in operation at Southern Illinois University.

For $9, fans may buy a season ticket which will entitle them to reserved seats for all of SIU's home games--an average of slightly over 80 cents a game compared to the single-game admission price of $1.25.

Tickets may be ordered by writing or calling the SIU Ticket Office, Carbondale.

Home games this year are against Ft. Leonard Wood, Midwestern (Texas) University, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Baker (Kansas) University, Beloit College, Northern Illinois, Millikin University, Eastern Illinois, Illinois Normal, and Western Illinois.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Nov.--Southern Illinois University may have its entire backfield returning next year as there will be no losses because of graduation. Only possible loss at the moment is Calvin Fearn, halfback from East St. Louis, who expects a draft call within the next year.

In the line, Southern will lose five players: tackles Gene Krolak, Chicago, and Ed Hayes, San Francisco, Calif.; end John Gelch, Sesser, and guards Jim McCann, West Frankfort, and Tim Bowers, Murphysboro.

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Scoring 28 points in 12 minutes, Southern overcame a 13-point deficit to turn back Northern Illinois, 28-13, in its final grid game last Saturday (Nov. 17).

The win gave Southern a three-way tie for third place in the Interstate Conference race and an overall record of four wins, five losses.

Of the top 44 players on this year's grid squad, only 12 were juniors or seniors.

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TIME IS CLAIMING ANOTHER LANDMARK

By John W. Allen
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A dilapidated two-story log house stands on the north side of Illinois Highway 50 about nine miles east of Salem in Marion county. A sign above its front doorway says "BUILT 1818". Additional signs at either end of the house offer other bits of information. We learn that it was once "Half Way Tavern", a widely known Southern Illinois stopping place and stage station.

It came to be called "Half Way Tavern" because it was about midway between Vincennes and St. Louis. It did not, however, enjoy a monopoly on that name. There were other taverns and other stations on other roads that were likewise 'half way' between important points and accordingly used the same name. This one apparently was the most noted of those so designated.

In its more prosperous years there were other buildings grouped with this remaining one to form the tavern and stage station. Three additional two-story houses were joined to the remaining one and extended westward to form a building about 70 feet in length. Long front porches on both floor levels combined to present a somewhat impressive appearance.

The old well, now wearing a concrete curb, is the one that furnished water to the tavern and stage station. Equipped with a well sweep and convenient watering trough, it also supplied the needs of travelers and livestock passing along the road. A large barn that sheltered the stage horses as well as those of travelers riding or driving their own, stood nearby. A gnarled cedar, the remaining one of the conventional pair so often seen across the walkways to front doors, still survives.

The present decaying log house is all that remains of the tavern begun by John Middleton in 1818, the year that Illinois became a state. It is about 18 feet square, with one room above the other. The manner in which the oak logs were notched and fitted at the corners indicates careful and competent workmanship. Much of chinking and daubing used to fill the spaces between the logs is still in place. The clay daubing, evidently made without the use of lime, shows remarkable resistance to weathering and makes one wonder just how and what was mixed to form it.

The siding that covered the logs is also unusual. It was made by splitting oak into clapboards about four feet long and applying them as weatherboarding. The square headed nails of earlier times are still in evidence. Much of the weatherboard still clings to the logs well over a century after it was applied. Though there is no evidence that it was ever painted, these split boards are surprisingly well preserved.

The original floor of the lower room rotted away many years ago and was replaced by one of concrete. The bottom logs or sills have likewise disappeared and the building has "settled" until a tall man feels a bit apprehensive as he walks about beneath the lowered ceiling. The walls of this room were first the bare logs with their chinking and daubing. They are now boxed with vertical planks about a foot wide. The ceiling that once exposed its log joints is now lathed and plastered.

A narrow, well-worn stairway leads to the upper room with its floor of wide, undressed oak planks and ceiling of narrower boards that once were painted white. The walls were plastered and painted a dull red, thus offering a tempting surface on which to scratch names, dates and legends. This practice evidently began in 1895, perhaps earlier. Someone recorded the fact that "C. B. Hill lived here in 1898". Travelers from other states came to leave their names and addresses.

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While this old building remains it is more than a rotting log house. It is an emblem of a vanished era in the history of the midwest. The trail leading past this point was old even before the tavern was established. It was along this trail that the French journeyed between their settlements at Vincennes and Cahokia. It was in this vicinity that the branch trail leading to Kaskaskia was joined. It was also at or near this point that George Rogers Clark and his intrepid band passed on their daring midwinter march to capture Fort Sockville during the American Revolution.

Early maps and travelers' indicate that this was one of the important roads leading into the new country. "Half Way Tavern" was one of the most important stops on the old, much-travelled road that really began at Marietta, Ohio.

Many thousands of immigrants and tradesmen passed here. There were those hopefully plodding along on foot, carrying their meager possessions. There were those trundling push carts and other driving horses, cows or oxen that pulled sleds. Pack animals, horses, mules and cattle carried other goods and persons. There were covered wagons of various kinds, the most impressive of which were the great Conestoga wagons with their upsweeping ends, often drawn by three or even four yokes of oxen. Finally came the Concord coach--the finest overland conveyance of its time.

The passing travelers were an assorted lot varying from those seeking new homes to those fleeing justice. There were those men, traditionally the most eloquent of swearers, who drove the Conestoga wagons and chain-smoked the long thin cigars that are even yet called stogies. There were also the drovers, fully as tough and competent as the wagon drivers. These were the forerunners of the cowboys of the West. This assorted parade passed "Half Way Tavern" and many of them stopped for shelter there.

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In early days a man wishing to operate a tavern was required to secure a license from the county court. He also furnished a bond guaranteeing that he would "as a tavern keeper be at all times of good behavior and observe all the ordinances which are or shall be in force relating to innkeepers within the state".

The same court that licensed the tavern keeper also fixed the rates that he might charge. In 1823 the rates allowable at "Half Way Tavern" were as follows

Breakfast	25 cents
Dinner	25 cents
Supper	25 cents
Keeping horse overnight	50 cents
Single feed	25 cents
Lodging	12½ cents
Whiskey -- ½ pint	12½ cents
Rum -- ½ pint	25 cents

From time to time the court made slight changes in these rates.

"Half Way Tavern" still attracts the attention of travellers along the highway and many stop to wander about the old log house. In a few more years it will have rotted away and another early Illinois landmark will have vanished.

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Carbondale, Ill., Nov. More than 200 singers from throughout Southern Illinois will assemble under the baton of director Maurits Kesnar here Sunday (Dec. 9) for the annual presentation of "The Messiah," a performance that traditionally packs Southern Illinois University's Shryock Auditorium from wall to wall.

Featured soloists in the timeless oratorio will be Myleen Merrill, Maurine Parzybok, Miles Nokolny and Howard Marsh, four Chicagoans well known to midwestern opera and oratorio lovers. In addition to appearances with leading choral societies and symphonies throughout the midwest, two of the soloists, Miss Merrill and Miss Marsh, have toured with the New York Opera Company.

Christmas sections of "The Messiah" will be performed on Monday (Dec. 10) at 10 a.m. in a student assembly here and again at 7:30 p.m. in the DuQuoin Township High School Auditorium. Soloists will be Miss Merrill and Miss Marsh along with baritone Robert Walker, SIU music student from Herrin.

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ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS

SIU COUNTRY COLUMN
By Albert Meyer

The farmer who has a few acres of forest with some saw timber ready for marketing is passing up a good opportunity to collect fair wages for his labor during the winter season if he just sells the timber on a stumpage basis.

Stumpage selling of standing trees for a lump sum is practiced all too often by farmers with farm woodlands because it seems so much easier to handle the job that way and let the buyer worry with logging and hauling the timber to the saw mill. Yet, selling timber as stumpage compares favorably with selling the corn crop as it stands in the field--a practice that most grain farmers do not follow, as pointed out by Southern Illinois University forester John Hosner.

In many cases a farmer may quadruple the returns from his forest stand by cutting and selling his sawlogs by grade and variety instead of standing trees for a lump sum. The winter days are good for harvesting the timber because then field work is slack and there is time for this gainful work. Research foresters in the Carbondale U.S. Forest Research Center, who have been conducting forest management studies on a good farm forest area in the Kaskaskia Experimental Forest of Hardin county for several years, have reported that a farmer may get $1.10 per hour for the time he works in his forest if he will select and cut his own timber and get it to the roadside where the buyer may pick it up and transport it to the mill. At the same time the farmer will be improving his own timber stand so that the good young trees remaining will grow faster and produce better quality saw timber.

Usually the farmer can use his available farm equipment--tractor and wagons--satisfactorily and profitably in the logging operation. He may want to buy or rent a motorized chain saw for felling and bucking trees to speed up his operations and make the job easier.

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However, if the forested area is too rough for using such equipment as the farmer has, or if he does not have time for harvesting his timber, he is limited to selling the saw timber as standing trees. One problem that arises in such an instance is the need for sufficient volume of timber to interest buyers. The minimum needs are at least 5,000 board feet in sound trees for sale, concentrated at the rate of at least 500 board feet per acre.

The fact that a farmer must sell his timber as standing trees should not keep him from carrying on a good forest management program. The cautions are not to sell the timber on a lump sum basis, or as so many thousand board feet of timber, or without a contract outlining the full particulars of the sales agreement. Never sell too hurriedly. Timber usually will stand a year or two more without losing value, so the farmer can shop around for the best offers for the kind of timber he has to sell.

The most profitable procedure in the long run is to mark and sell only the larger mature trees. In that way the owner will be able to control the cutting so as to improve the stand of timber and will not have the buyer cutting out the best trees and leaving the poorest quality behind to take up valuable land space.

Perhaps one reason many woodland owners in the area do not harvest their own timber and manage the stand with better practices is their failure to realize how profitable such activities are and because they do not know the procedures to follow in good management. They need not despair. Competent assistance is available to any farmer seeking it. The local farm adviser or soil conservationist will be helpful in getting the advice of a farm forester.

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COBDEN, ILL., NOV. -- Harold Fingerhut, East St. Louis, vice-president of the Illinois State Vegetable Growers Association, is scheduled to address an organizational meeting of area vegetable and small fruits growers in the Cobden Community High School at 7 p.m. Monday (Dec. 3).

Ralph W. Griffith, Cobden, temporary chairman, said all commercial producers of small fruits and vegetables in Southern Illinois are invited to the meeting to help organize a regional association.

Area growers working with Griffith on plans for the organization are: Ed Ridgeway, Herrin; R. J. Baker, Jonesboro; and the following from the Cobden area: H. G. Rich, Charles B. Wilkins, Robert L. and Glen J. Stadelbacher, Roy Swartz, and Frank Rendleman.

Establishment of an organization to serve the interests of producers of small fruits and vegetables of all Southern Illinois is one of the action projects through which Cobden's community development program is reaching beyond the community itself, Griffith says. Cobden has been working on a long-range improvement effort for the past year with the assistance of Southern Illinois University's department of community development.

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SIU SPORTS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- Tennis prospects in the Southern Illinois area have brightened with the recent formation of the Southern Illinois Tennis Association.

The group has applied for recognition by the Western Lawn Tennis Association, which will meet in January. The application will then be forwarded to the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

When officially recognized, the organization will serve as a governing body for tennis throughout the area, helping to hold clinics and tournaments, according to the group's new president, Dr. John R. Le Fevre, Southern Illinois University tennis coach.

About 31 Southern Illinois counties are included in the area of the new club.

Other officers are Norman Dean, East St. Louis, first vice-president; George Landenberger, Olney, second vice-president; Ellis Mitchell, Carbondale, secretary-treasurer.

Named to committee chairmanships were Ted Bradley, Murphysboro, constitution committee; Cecil Powless, Flora, junior development committee; George T. Johnston, membership committee; and Dean, East St. Louis, ranking committee.

Le Fevre said club memberships are expected from Belleville, East St. Louis, Flora, Olney, Carbondale, Murphysboro, Fairfield, Centralia, and other nearby communities.

The club, whose meetings are open to the public, will confer at Olney Dec. 15.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- The Smiths can't possibly keep up with the Joneses on the Southern Illinois University basketball squad.

The varsity includes two Jones--Richard of Herrin and Marvin of East St. Louis, but there isn't a Smith among the more than 40 who turned out.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- The U.S. Public Health Service has given a $50,000 grant to Southern Illinois University's Biological Research Laboratory for a five-year research program.

Geneticist Carl C. Lindegren, who directs the laboratory, said the federal agency is interested in cyto-genetics of yeast, the medium Lindegren has used in his research for some 17 years.

The Public Health Service has been supporting Lindegren's work since 1948, but the latest contract provides for a higher annual stipend and covers a longer term than any previous grants.

Lindegren, who has won international recognition through his discoveries regarding heredity, cancer, radiation damage, and other important phenomena, currently receives more than $47,000 a year in research funds from public and private agencies. These include the Atomic Energy Commission, American Cancer Society, and Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

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SIU SPORTS BRIEFS

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Carver Shannon, Southern Illinois University halfback from Corinth, Miss., led the Interstate Conference in rushing this past season, according to statistics announced this week.

Shannon in 79 carries netted 505 yards to edge out Jim Podoley of Central Michigan for the rushing crown. Podoley set a new conference scoring mark of 78 points in six games followed closely by Shannon with 75. The former league mark was 60. Podoley edged Shannon, 593 yards to 505, in total offense.

Bill Norwood, SIU quarterback from Centralia, was sixth in the league in passing with 12 completions in 28 attempts, while Robert Batura, end from Danvers, Mass., was fifth in pass receiving with seven catches good for 119 yards. SIU punters John Abromovitch, Haverhill, Mass., and Dave Wheeler, Chicago, ranked seventh and eighth in the punting departments.

In team statistics, SIU ranked first (of seven teams) in pass defense (58.8 per game for opponents), fifth in rushing defense, fourth in total defense, third in rushing offense, sixth in passing offense, and fifth in total offense.

Southern finished its loop season with a 3-3 mark, which gave the Salukis a three-way tie for third. Central Michigan was first and Western Illinois second.

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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- One of America's top-ranking badminton players, Miss Abbie Rutledge, will give a badminton demonstration at the Southern Illinois University gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (Dec. 5). In exhibition matches, Miss Rutledge, who is regarded as the top woman badminton player in the Midwest and one of the top five in the country, will oppose Dick Root, a star badminton and tennis player from Purdue University.

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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Phil Coleman, first Southern Illinois University graduate to compete in the Olympic games, lost out in the Olympic steeplechase preliminaries in Melbourne, Australia earlier this week (Nov. 27).

Coleman, one of three Americans entered in the event, finished ninth in a heat of 12.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., NOV. -- First term final examinations for Southern Illinois University students will be held beginning Dec. 10, and will be followed by 15 days of Christmas vacation.

The official exam schedule, released Nov. 28, shows finals beginning Dec. 13 with the exception of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night classes on Dec. 10, 11 and 12. Examinations for those classes will start at the same time class sessions ordinarily begin.

Christmas vacation begins officially following the last examination slated at 1 p.m. Dec. 18. The holiday concludes with the beginning of the winter quarter on Jan. 2, but only night classes scheduled on that day (Wednesday) will be held. The term begins in earnest with full class schedules Jan. 3.

Although the SIU basketball team is scheduled for three "Home" games during the holidays, all of the engagements will be played at high schools outside of Carbondale. They are: North Dakota University at Herrin (Dec. 19); Milliken at Flora (Dec. 26), and Miami (O.) at Harrisburg (Dec. 28).

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SOME FOLKLORE ABOUT SNOW

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People have accumulated many signs, sayings, and superstitions concerning the weather. Some of these naturally are related to snow. The first snowfall of the season has come and reminds us of some bits of this weather lore.

The writer is reminded that he did not count the foggy mornings in August and thus does not know how many snows should come during the current winter. Now he will have to wait the winter out along with others who were alike negligent or didn't trust this particular lore. By other signs, however, there should be plenty of snow, for the first week of August was hot and leaves clung to the trees later than usual.

Although the time to apply the foggy morning formula has passed, weather lore provides other, and perhaps just as reliable, guidance to indicate the number of snowfalls that should occur before spring is definitely here.

According to one of these, the day of the month when the first snowfall occurs will be the number to expect. According to a second belief, the number of days that have elapsed since the moon was new is the correct one. A third belief would count the days from the first snow until Christmas and settle for that number of snows. In this particular year and in Southern Illinois any of these would indicate a snowy winter.

Since children and Santa Claus seem to like snow and signs point to a plentiful supply, it might be well to seek some guidance to tell us just when snow may be expected. A number of beliefs are available to help in this short-term forecasting. For instance, if the full moon has two rings about it at night or even appears to be "wading through snow", there will be a snowfall within 24 hours. A dog serenading this same full moon with howls likewise presages a storm. A flock of blackbirds feeding together on the ground or snowbirds scurrying along the rail fence tell of coming snow. Since rail fences are gone, perhaps the snowbirds should be allowed to scurry along any other fence.

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If smoke, in winter season, lingers near the ground, or the soot burns in the chimney, or the wood fire in the fireplace spits or makes a crackling sound like that of falling snow pellets, a storm is brewing. Far off echoing sounds that "carry well" are signals to those with practiced ears. There are even those who think that they can detect a tone in the howling of the wind that foretells a coming snowstorm. An east wind or the frost clinging to trees late in the morning add to the hopes or fears of others.

Once "grandma has begun to pick her geese" or to "shake her feather bed" and the sun breaks through the falling snow, more can be expected at the same hour on the morrow. A snow that begins with large fluffy flakes is judged to be of short duration, while one beginning with small, hard, wind-driven flakes will be a heavier one. Also if this wind-driven snow sticks to the side of the trees, expect more. Likewise, if snow, in melting away, leaves patches, or "snow breeders", more will come soon.

Snow itself also is supposed to be a means of prophecy. A white Christmas foretells a green Easter and a good fruit year as well as few deaths and a "light grave yard". Heavy snows mean that the approaching crop year will be a good one. If snow falls on the carriage or coach of those going to the church to be married, they will surely separate. Obviously, snow falling upon participants walking to church would have the same effect. On the other hand, snow on the wedding day, if it did not fall on those on their way to be married, meant that the husband would be kind to his wife. Rabbits were certainly not good until after snow had come.

The first snow of the season brought certain benefits and dangers. Anyone who walked barefoot around the house through this snow would not be sick for the year. If this ritual were observed each morning there was snow on the ground, the practitioner' feet would become practically frost proof. A sore throat could be cured by bandaging it with a snowball. Children, however, were not to eat of the first snow for it contained "all the poisons and diseases of the summer".

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Even dreams of snow had more than usual significance. At all times they were supposed to indicate events of more than usual importance. Those coming during the time when snow was out of season presaged approaching good fortune. Snow dreams occurring during the snowy season foretold misfortune.

Folklore also would have water from melted snow looked upon as a rather potent remedy, particularly if it came from snow falling after March first. If this water were used to wash the hair, it would prevent baldness. It would also improve the complexion, even to removing freckles and preventing chapped hands. Stick a pin through a wart until it bleeds, then wash the bleeding wart with "after March 1 snow water", and the wart will disappear.

This March snow water was particularly good for the eyes. The only water considered more effective was such as might come from a last snow occurring in April. Headaches could be cured by washing the face in March snow water. Some even held such snow water was holy and could be used to bless. Many believed that all snow water was 'finer' and thus more readily penetrated boots and shoes.

Even if this lore concerning snow is of mild interest, a careful look through a magnifying glass at some snow flakes will intrigue almost anyone.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. --Southern Illinois University has purchased a prefabricated steel structure to house a laundry scheduled to begin operation on the campus early next year. Cost of the building was $18,000.

Charles Pulley, University architect, says bids for erection, moving and installation of laundry equipment will be examined late in December. Work on the project is expected to begin in January.

Equipment for the plant, which will be used to launder school-owned linen and clothing, was purchased earlier from a Carbondale laundry and dry cleaning firm. The laundry will be located near the agriculture school building on the south campus.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., DEC. -- Twenty-one foreign visitors sent to this country by the European Productivity Agency wound up a 10-day stay in Southern Illinois Saturday (Dec. 1) and agreed this had been the most "enlightening" part of their trip.

They were in the area to study the community programs offered by Southern Illinois University's department of community development.

H. Curtis Mial, executive secretary of the New York State Citizens' Council who acted as guide for the visitors, said they found in Southern Illinois problems comparable to those at home. It was also the first time they had a chance to talk to Americans from all walks of life.

Cornelius Voormolen, director of an Institute for Economic Development in the Netherlands, said the decline in employment in his country's peat industry corresponded to Southern Illinois' loss of jobs in the coal fields. The Netherlands is facing the same problems of finding other work for the jobless.

The Economic Development program in his country is 10 years old and has been crowned with considerable success in attracting new industry, Voormolen added, but he was particularly impressed here by citizen efforts to improve conditions.

"The way you people get things done by citizen action is wonderful," he added. "In Europe, we are too much inclined to turn to the local, provincial or national government for help".

Members of the team from France and Belgium described similar troubles their countries are having in the coal fields, and lack of sufficient employment in other industries.

Guido V. Declercq, director of an Economic Development Council in Belgium, said fields in the French-speaking southern part of his country are becoming "mined out" or the shafts are too deep to make operations profitable. The government has been offering subsidies to coal companies so they will stay in business and keep men working. (more)

One of the big mining problems in France, according to Jacques Mazion, manager of the Productivity Center at Marseille, is the difficulty of extracting coal economically from the French seams.

Another Southern Illinois problem that has a parallel in Europe was cited by Alfred Degelmann, manager of the Bavarian Productivity Agency. Industrial centers are becoming larger and young people are being drained out of the rural areas.

Mial, the group's American guide, said the elements of community development in Southern Illinois that impressed the visitors most was the extensive citizen participation in community action projects, and the diversity of people who served on working committees.

The group visited Cobden, Mounds, Cairo and Eldorado --four of the towns where community development efforts are underway with the help of Southern Illinois University. At Cairo, they sat in on three committee meetings and they attended a town meeting with some 300 Eldorado citizens. In both of these communities, they stayed overnight in the homes of local families.

Three members left the team at Cairo to visit the Tennessee Valley Authority. The entire group split up on leaving Carbondale for trips to Madison, Wis., Auburn, N.Y., and Toledo, O.

Raoul Kulberg, project manager for the International Cooperation Administration which arranged the trip, accompanied the group on the tour. He said the visitors were brought here to get some ideas which might help internal development of our European allies.

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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Marion Rushing, junior from Pinckneyville, has been named 1957 football captain at Southern Illinois University and sophomore halfback Carver Shannon, Corinth, Miss., has been picked by his teammates as the most valuable player of the past season.

Rushing, who is also a regular in basketball and track, was chosen as SIU's most valuable all-around athlete when he was a sophomore. Football coach Al Kawal says Rushing is the most versatile player on the squad and gives all the effort a coach could ask. Last year he played guard and center and this year switched to end.

"He's willing to tackle any job for the good of the team," Kawal said.

Last year Rushing was a guard on the second team All-Conference squad and is a highly regarded bet for the 1956 Interstate All-Conference selections to be made in Chicago Dec. 7.

Shannon, who was bothered during the last part of the season by injuries, scored 90 points in eight games to set a new SIU scoring mark. He gained 694 yards in 99 carries for an average of seven yards a try to break the school record for total rushing.

He was Southern's leading extra point kicker and also a defensive standout. Shannon, who is only 18, is 6-0 and weighs 180. Rushing, who played high school ball at Pinckneyville, is a forward on the SIU cage team and a javelin thrower in track.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., DEC. -- Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, has approved the establishment of an undergraduate chapter at Southern Illinois University.

The organization also has awarded the Wells Memorial Key, recognizing "professional accomplishments, integrity and leadership", to the new chapter's faculty sponsor, Charles C. Clayton, SIU visiting professor of journalism.

Both actions were taken during the fraternity's annual convention Nov. 28-Dec. 1 at Louisville, Ky.

A past national president of Sigma Delta Chi, Clayton is editor of The Quill, the organization's magazine. With a background of more than 30 years' experience in newspapering, mainly in St. Louis, Clayton joined the journalism department staff at Southern last December. He is currently teaching the first extension course for college credit ever offered at Menard State Penitentiary.

Clayton is author of a textbook, "Newspaper Reporting Today", and is a recipient of a distinguished service medal awarded by the Missouri School of Journalism.

Southern's Sigma Delta Chi chapter will replace the men's journalism association known as Southern Press Club.

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NEWS from Bill Lyons
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Carbondale, Ill. -- Phone 1020

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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Bracing itself against a tightly-packed basketball schedule which calls for five games in 10 days, Southern Illinois University's cage squad opens its home season against a strong Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., team here Thursday (Dec. 6) night.

Ft. Leonard Wood's roster reads like an All-American college selection with some professional basketball players thrown in for good measure.

Just to mention a few, the Hilltoppers from the Missouri outpost has the Judson brothers--Phil and Paul--of Hebron (Ill.), who played for the University of Illinois; Bill Ridley, former All-American from the University of Illinois; Jerry Bird, 6-6, a former player for the University of Kentucky and the Minneapolis Lakers; Joe Bertrand, who plans to return to the Harlem Globetrotters upon discharge; Vic Jackson, a teammate of Bill Russell at the University of San Francisco, Calif.; Tony Stracka, formerly with the University of Wisconsin; Ted Slavin, University of California; and Ray Ripplemeyer, former SIU and Southeast Missouri player.

Following their fray with the Army, Southern's cagers travel to Bloomington, Ind., Saturday (Dec. 8) for a game against Indiana University and then return home for three contests the following week: Midwestern (Texas) University, Dec. 10; Eastern Michigan, Dec. 14; and Central Michigan, Dec. 15.

The Salukis opened their season at Valparaiso University Saturday (Dec. 1) night, losing a hard-fought game, 77-66. SIU outscored Valparaiso in baskets, but the winners hit an amazing 35 of 42 free throws to win the tilt.

SIU Coach Lynn Holder stressed this week that defensive play must improve. He plans to start an all-lettermen squad against both Ft. Leonard Wood and Indiana University, but indicated that his bench may see plenty of action.

Named to start this week were Saymour Bryson, Quincy, and Warren Talley, Pinckneyville, forwards; Larry Whitlock, Mt. Vernon, center; and captain Gordon Lambert, Marion, and Robert Welch, Centralia, guards.

High man for Southern in the Valparaiso game was Whitlock with 14 points followed by Lambert with 13. A former Collinsville (Ill.) high school player, Ed Eckart, was high for the winners with 13.

Game time Thursday is 8:15 with a preliminary set for 6. -bh-

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec.--Southern Illinois University's top varsity team etched the finest achievement into the school's debate record Saturday (Dec. 1), winning the championship of the Northwestern University Invitational Tournament in Evanston.

Richard Rieke, Carbondale, and Joseph Selement, DuQuoin, won the coveted award over some 35 other schools in the select tournament, defeating the University of Illinois in the finals at Northwestern's Harris Hall. Rieke and Selement reached the finals by trimming Brooklyn (N.Y.) College, Kansas State College, Illinois Normal, Northwestern and Drake University in the preliminaries. The twosome whipped the University of Nebraska in the quarter-finals and Marquette University in the semi-finals. Their only setback in the championship drive came at the hands of Nebraska Wesleyan in the preliminaries.

The second SIU team entered in the meet, Peter Morris, Carbondale, and Ted Foster, Mt. Vernon, also finished well among the leaders, but missed the final rounds by losing to their teammates on the basis of quality ratings. Morris and Foster defeated Western Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, St. Thomas (Minn.) College, Wichita University and Loyola of Chicago, losing only to the University of Nebraska. Their 5-1 record tied nine other teams.

Other nationally ranked schools entered in the tournament included Augustana College, Boston University, Purdue, University of Kansas and Washington University of St. Louis.

Two other SIU teams compiled a 4-4 record at the Greenville College Tournament Saturday. The week-end activity gives SIU debaters a season total of 42 wins and 13 defeats.

Selement and Rieke will resume competition Friday (Dec. 7) at the Southwestern Debate Tournament, Winfield, Kan.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. -- Southern Illinois University's last group of "backwoods" students has moved out of the hills into a new residence hall just completed.

Eagerly vacating their drafty barracks at Giant City State Park, the 112 male students now occupy a spacious three-story residence hall overlooking Thompson Lake on the campus.

"Gee, now I'll have to start shaving every day again," commented one student upon inspecting the building's sparkling two-man rooms, connecting baths, and glassed-in corridors.

Victims of Southern's housing shortage when a record 6,255 student enrolled last fall, the students spent ten weeks living in the state park's facilities for summer campers until a new residence hall was completed. They commuted 24 miles round trip daily to classes and studied at night in their barracks dining hall.

The Giant City students spent twice as much time in their temporary housing as did another group of 118 students who lived in tents at the SIU camp on Little Grassy Lake. Barely escaping cold weather, the tent dwellers moved into the first completed Thompson Point residence hall at the end of October.

Four other dormitories and a central dining hall are under construction at the new housing area. In all, 720 students will be accommodated, which is less than this year's SIU enrollment increase over 1955.

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12/4/56

Release: IMMEDIATE

Carbondale, Ill. --Dec. -- Publication of "Elizabeth Abbott," a "novel of Southern Illinois" by Mae Trovillion Smith, assistant professor of English at Southern Illinois University, was announced today (Dec. 4) by Exposition Press Inc. of New York.

Described by the publishers as "a finely drawn picture of rural life in Southern Illinois," the novel deals with the struggles of a young Minnesota schoolmistress attempting to adjust to a new environment in "Egypt".

Previous books by Mrs. Smith, who has been a member of the SIU faculty for 27 years, include "Famous Dogs of Famous People" and "Famous Pets of Famous People," both published by Dodd, Mead and Co. She also wrote "Number Five Cheyne Row," "Your Friend Lucy," and "History of Zetetic and Socratic Societies."

A native of Norris City, Mrs. Smith received her bachelor and master of arts degrees at the University of Indiana. Before coming to SIU she served four years as head of the Herrin High School English department. She is married to Col. T.B.F. Smith, retired Carbondale lawyer.

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12/4/56

Release: IMMEDIATE

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Students will hear President Delyte W. Morris read the Biblical Christmas story Thursday (Dec. 6) at an assembly ushering in the holiday season at Southern Illinois University.

The 10 a.m. program in Shryock Auditorium also will feature selections by three choral groups--the Madrigals, A Capella Choir, and a new organization, the Southern Belles.

Eight other major Yuletide events are scheduled at Southern before students begin final examinations and their annual two-week Christmas vacation.

A "Deck the Halls" party will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Friday (Dec. 7) at the Student Union. Students will decorate the building, sing carols, dance and receive treats from Santa Claus. Old English style flaming puddings will be served.

A semi-formal Christmas dance, no admission charge, will be held from 8 to 12 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 8) in the Men's Gymnasium. Music will be provided by the Egyptian Melody Men.

The Associated Women Students will sponsor a Christmas tea for women students from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 9) in Woody Hall Formal Lounge. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium, more than 200 singers from throughout Southern Illinois will present "The Messiah", with Dr. Maurits Kesnar directing.

Selections from "The Messiah" will be performed for students at 10 a.m. Monday (Dec. 10) in the same auditorium.

Some 150 students will go Christmas caroling in Carbondale between 7 and 9 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 11). Carolers will return to the campus for refreshments at the home of President and Mrs. Morris.

The Morrises will serve cider and doughnuts to students in an annual Christmas social from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday (Dec. 12) at the Student Union.

Southern's holiday activities will close with a charity dance at the Women's Gymnasium sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity, following the SIU-Central Michigan basketball game Saturday (Dec. 15). Proceeds will be used to buy food for Christmas baskets.

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CARTERVILLE, ILL., Dec.--Five experimental panels of house siding recently prepared for exposure tests at the Wood Products Pilot Plant near Carterville, may lead to expanded markets for low quality hardwoods which abound in the forests of Southern Illinois and neighboring states.

The panels are part of a cooperative project to study and demonstrate the use of paper overlays on poor grade hardwood lumber, says David E. Herrick, research forester, Carbondale U. S. Forest Research Center. The Pilot Plant is operated jointly by the Research Center and Southern Illinois University, whose Southern Acres Campus provides plant facilities. The Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Asheville, North Carolina, and the Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin--both agencies of the U.S. Forest Service--also are cooperating in the overlaid lumber study.

Paper overlaid oak, hickory, and cottonwood lumber are being tested in comparison with conventional redwood siding. The lumber, supplied by the Carbondale Center and the Southeastern Station, was processed at the Forest Products Laboratory before it was sent to the Pilot Plant here for the present tests. Working locally on the project with Herrick are W. W. Rice, Pilot Plant superintendent, and James T. Micklewright, forest products technologist.

Application of paper overlays on several kinds of wood already has proved successful, Herrick points out. Paper overlaid plywood now is being used as exterior siding on prefabricated houses and for re-usable concrete forms. Paper overlaid veneers are widely used in shipping containers.

During the last four years, researchers at the Forest Products Laboratory have been experimenting with papers and adhesives for use in overlaying lumber. Herrick says that it has been established that paper overlays can be used to upgrade lumber by masking objectionable defects, reduce warping and splitting, and forming a substitute surface with excellent painting properties. The unanswered question is whether or not it is a paying proposition.

The primary objective of the study now underway at the Wood Products Pilot Plant is to find the most economical grades and species of native grown lumber, and the most efficient production processes for producing a satisfactory overlaid board.

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Release: IMMEDIATE

CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. -- With ten lettermen returning, Southern Illinois University's wrestling team, which last year won the Interstate Conference and Wheaton tournament championships, will open its 1956-57 season against Great Lakes here Saturday (Dec. 8) night.

Coach Jim Wilkinson terms this year's squad as about equal to last year's in overall ability.

Southern last season won seven dual meets while losing only to Indiana University, but had close calls with Great Lakes, edging the sailors, 21-15, and 18-17.

Returning from last year's team are lettermen John Caynak (147-pound), Racine, Wisc.; captain Bob Dunkel (177-191 pound), St. Louis; Lee Grubbs (137), Overland, Mo.; Ed Hayes (heavyweight), Carbondale; Ed Miller (157), La Grange; John Orlando (167), Overland, Mo.; and Sam Sadich (137), Wood River. Sadich dropped out of school to work this term, but plans to re-enter Jan. 3.

Gone from last year's squad is captain Paul Steingruby, Waterloo, who last year was named the Interstate Conference's outstanding wrestler; and Ray Bergfeld, Overland, Mo., who was conference champion last season in the 123-pound division.

Three lettermen, two of them returning servicemen, back from other seasons are: Roy Fowley (130-137), Belleville; Don Halbert (147-157), Granite City; and J. B. Williams, O'Fallon.

A Jan. 20 meet with Ritenour YMCA at St. Louis was added to the Southern schedule this week, giving the Salukis eight dual meets plus five tournaments. The home schedule features a meet against Indiana University here Feb. 9.

Probable SIU wrestlers against Great Lakes:
123-pound-Ron Edwards, Florissant, Mo. or James Whittenberg, Carbondale.
130-pound--Don Klug, Ferguson, Mo.
137-pound--Roy Fowley, Belleville.
147-pound--John Caynak, Racine, Wisc.
157-pound--Herman Ayres, Harvey.
167-pound--John Orlando, Overland, Mo.
177-pound--Bob Dunkel, St. Louis.
191-pound--Gary Burdick, Kirkwood, Mo.
Heavyweight--Ed Hayes, Carbondale.

There will be no admission charge for Saturday's meet, which will start at 7:30 p.m.

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Number 180 in a weekly series--"It Happened in Southern Illinois"--a series consisting of regional folklore and historical accounts suitable for feature, column or editorial use.

POPULATION CENTER KEEPS MOVING ALONG

John W. Allen
Southern Illinois University

On many diagrams, maps and pictures an 'X' marks the spot where something happened. Anyone naturally assumes that such a spot once definitely located would not immediately go wandering. The spot being considered, however, is a migrant one and is an exception. It came to Southern Illinois in 1950 to mark the center of population for the United States.

In a way it tells where the people of the nation live. If an east-west line extending from coast to coast were drawn through this center, there would be as many people living north as south of it. Likewise, if a north-south line were extended to the nation's borders, it would make an equal division of the eastern-western population. A glance at a map shows that this would allow many persons to become southerners or westerners, colonels or cowboys.

This center is calculated after each decennial census. It was first located after the census of 1790 at a point 23 miles east of Baltimore. From this first location it began an erratic rate of westward movement, following closely along the thirty-ninth parallel. It was farthest north when first established and farthest south in 1940. The extent of its north-south wandering has been small, only about 22.5 miles.

In 1950, after 160 years of westward progress, this migrating point reached a place in a cornfield beside Illinois Highway 130 about eight miles north of Olney in Richland county. An appropriate and substantial marker that attracts the attention of passersby was erected to indicate its chosen place and a driveout for cars was arranged. Many travellers, seeing the marker as they pass along the highway, draw off the pavement and pause for a while to read the inscribed legends and to feel that they are really in the very heart of our nation. (more)

This westward progress of the center has not been at any regular rate. It was greatest in the period from 1870 to 1880, when a record distance of 57.4 miles was made. The least mileage was made in the decade from 1910 to 1920, when it was only 9.8, an average annual progress of less than one mile a year. In the 160 years since it began its westward meanderings, its average annual advance has been slightly more than four miles.

Since the national census on which its location is based is taken only at 10-year intervals, the center is marked accordingly. In 1800, 10 years after it was found to be 23 miles east of Baltimore, it appeared 18 miles west of that town. Another 10 years and it was 40 miles west of Washington, D.C. By 1840 it had reached a location 16 miles south of Clarksburg, then in Virginia, but now in West Virginia.

In 1870 it was 48 miles east by north from Cincinnati and evidently spent a part of the next decade wandering unnoted through that city to appear eight miles west by south from there in 1880. In 1890 it made its first appearance in Indiana, choosing a point 20 miles east of Columbus. Evidently liking that state it loitered across it for 60 years before appearing in the Richland county, Illinois, cornfield.

With only one recorded exception, this center appears to have chosen rural and often isolated spots for its appearance. This one exception occurred in 1910 when it settled down in the city of Bloomington, Indiana, choosing a coal yard in which to locate.

The present--that is, today's--actual center of population is not known. Those who have studied its movements over the years appear agreed that it is now wandering somewhere west from the latest marker, but none hazard a guess as to just how far it has moved. Many are reluctant to predict its north-south progress.

As people are born, die or change their place of residence across the lines drawn through the present center, the center moves accordingly. When the next national census is taken in 1960, the center will appear in a new location. Then, even before the engineers, mathematicians, and others have made their calculations and reached the spot, it will have moved away. (more)

It truly may be said to be like the Irishman's flea--"When you put your finger on it, it isn't there".

Students of population trends predict that the center will continue a slow progress westward in Illinois. Many think that it will be many decades before it leaves the state, if it ever does. If it should decide permanently to locate in Illinois, why not move the national capital here where it would be equally accessible to the most people? We'll vote for the move.

There are many other "centers" in the United States, most of which are like that of the center of population in that they are always moving about, for they have a habit of doing so. There is one center, however, that very definitely stays on location. This one is the geographical center of the continental United States. It is located about three miles northwest of the small town of Lebanon in Smith county near the midpoint of the northern border of Kansas. It is about 50 miles north of an east-west line through the population center. If the productive farmlands and other natural resources of the nation were evenly distributed, perhaps the population center would eventually come to settle in that same vicinity.

With the center of population now located within it, southern Illinois can at least partially justify its claim, "Here is the heart of America".

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ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS

SIU COUNTRY COLUMN

by Albert Meyer

Good farm management practices will pay on southern Illinois farms just as good management is a paying proposition in practically every line of work. Dr. W.E. Keepper, dean of the Southern Illinois University School of Agriculture, who is on leave for a six-months agricultural assignment in Venezuela, has pointed out that the fundamental objective of farm management is to operate a financially successful farm business. Keepper's field of specialization is farm management.

A financially successful farm business is one that makes enough money to meet five charges against it. These are:

1. Cash operating expenses for feed, seed, taxes, wages, fuel, insurance, cash repairs and similar items.

2. The going wages for family labor other than the operator, charged either directly or indirectly.

3. Returns to the operator equal to at least as much as he would get if hired to do a similar job.

4. The going rate of interest on all funds invested, both borrowed and owned.

5. Sufficient surplus after meeting the above charges to permit building the investment back to its original value.

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Planning before beginning an operation is an important part of farm management. The farmer must decide what kind of enterprises are the best paying for the area and for the farm which he is using. This involves using land for producing those crops which are physically and economically adapted. Crops which are used for feed must be "processed" through the kind of livestock which will pay best.

Through planning, the farmer is able to combine the enterprises he chooses so as to use the kind and amount of available labor and capital in the most productive manner possible. This means planning enterprises that will keep the farmer efficiently busy at productive work throughout the year. (more)

"Efficiently" is the key word here because there are plenty of examples of persons who work hard and long without making money.

Farm management also should be designed to keep the farming equipment, buildings, livestock and land in productive use as much of the time as possible. In this machine age a small farm operator can easily get too much capital invested in expensive farming equipment which remains idle most of the year, depreciating all the time and tying up funds that could be more usefully invested in other enterprises for making money out of the farm. Planning the farm building layout so as to save time, space and effort is an important part of farm management.

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The aim should be to operate a farm business that has sufficient volume to permit productive use of labor and physical equipment efficiently, better marketing practices, more effective purchasing of production supplies and division of fixed costs among more units of the farm production. There are several ways of increasing the volume of a farm business so as to get more efficiency.

The rates of crop yields and livestock production may be raised by improving the soil and cropping practices, by using better quality animals and giving them better care.

The farmer may change from extensive crops and livestock programs to those which are more intensive, using more labor and capital.

He may acquire the use of more land to more efficiently use his labor and equipment.

He may market some farm products directly to the consumer so as to get a greater share of the dollar spent for food by the consumer.

He may take off-the-farm jobs, such as custom work or part-time work, to supplement his farm income and use surplus labor not productively used on the farm.

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12/6/56

Release: IMMEDIATE

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Southern Illinois University's gymnastic team opens its 1956-57 season with a meet here Saturday night (Dec. 15) against Michigan State--one of four Big Ten teams on SIU's 10-meet schedule.

Saturday's meet will be a preliminary to the Southern-Central Michigan basketball game. Other Big Ten teams on SIU's gymnastic card are Indiana University, University of Wisconsin, and the University of Illinois.

William T. Meade, new SIU coach, who headed gymnastics at the University of North Carolina for seven years before coming here this fall, is not optimistic about this year's chances because most of his performers are underclassmen.

After being dropped as a varsity sport for more than a decade, gymnastics was resumed at SIU only last season. Southern's gymnastic squad in the early 1940s defeated such teams as Indiana University and the University of Minnesota in addition to capturing national honors under coach Vincent Di Giovanna.

The Salukis have seven lettermen returning: Julius Johnson, St. Louis; Roger Counsil, Wood River; Carl Eisfelder, Pinckneyville; Jerry Oettle, Hardin; Gene Salmon, Grayville; Kelly Smith, Cisne; and Phil Smith, Chester.

Southern's lineup Saturday is expected to include the following:

Trampoline: Roger Counsil and Mike Eskew, Benton.
Side Horse: Kelly Smith, Julius Johnson, and Gene Salmon.
High Bar: Jerry Oettle, Jerry Cuendet, Kirkwood, Mo.; and Johnson.
Parallel Bars: Carl Eisfelder; Phil Smith; and Johnson.
Tumbling: Bob Hauser, Cottage Hills; Fred Rauback, West Frankfort; and Counsil.

The meet will begin at 6:30 with the basketball game set for 8:15. The same admission covers both events.

Southern's complete schedule: Dec. 15--Michigan State; Jan. 26--at University of Illinois; Feb. 2--Western Illinois; Feb. 5--Navy Pier; Feb. 15--at Ball State; Feb. 16--double dual meets with Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin at Bloomington, Ind.; Feb. 23--at Eastern Illinois; Mar. 9--IIAC Invitational at Western Illinois; Mar. 22-23--NCAA meet at Annapolis, Md.; and Apr. 6--at Western Illinois.

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Release: SUNDAY, DEC. 9, AND AFTER

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Southern Illinois University's cagers have a full home schedule this week, playing host to Midwestern University of Wichita Falls, Tex.; Central Michigan; and Eastern Michigan.

Toughest of the three is expected to be Monday's (Dec. 10) foe--Midwestern University--which last year advanced to the quarterfinals of the 32-team national NAIA cage tournament at Kansas City, Mo., before being edged by Texas Southern, eventual winner of the meet.

Although only three lettermen are back from last year's squad, the Texas club is a tall one, the starters averaging an even 6-3. Tallest man is center David McCool, 6-7 junior from Sheridan, Ark.

Midwestern hit 56 percent of its field goal attempts in rolling over Texas Wesleyan, 103-65, last week after losing a season-opener to Hardin Simmons University, 84-69.

It will be a tough week for the Southern Salukis, who played Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Thursday (Dec. 6) and Indiana University Saturday (Dec. 8).

After the Midwestern clash, Southern will have only three days in which to prepare for conference openers against Eastern Michigan here Friday (Feb. 14) night and Central Michigan here Saturday (Feb. 15).

SIU Coach Lynn Holder probably will start his regulars, all lettermen: Seymour Bryson, Quincy, and Warren Talley, Pinckneyville, forwards; Larry Whitlock, center, Mt. Vernon; and captain Gordon Lambert, Marion, and Robert Welch, Centralia, guards. Reserves, however, are expected to see plenty of action.

As a preliminary to the Dec. 15 clash, gymnastic teams from SIU and Michigan State will participate in a dual meet which will feature the trampoline, side horse, high bar, parallel bars, and tumbling.

Varsity basketball game time for all three games is 8:15.

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NEWS from Bill Lyons
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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Southern Illinois University's top debate team, Joseph Selement of DuQuoin and Richard Rieke, Carbondale, won the men's division championship of the Southwestern College Invitational Tournament at Winfield, Kan., Saturday (Dec. 8), giving them their second important victory within a week. The twosome previously captured the Northwestern University Invitational championship.

In Saturday's meet Rieke and Selement won all five preliminary rounds, defeating Peru (Neb.) College, the University of Oklahoma and Southwest (Mo.) College in the eliminations. The undefeated campaign gave them a season total of 16 wins in 17 debates.

Both SIU women's teams reached the quarterfinals of the Winfield tourney. Shirley McCluskey, Carterville, and LaDonna MacMurray, DuQuoin, lost to St. Olaf (Minn.) after defeating East Central (Okla.) College in the quarterfinals. Regina Miller and Marsha Wiehn, both of DuQuoin, were dropped by Kansas State in the quarterfinals.

Other SIU men's teams won four out of five debates, giving the squad a 27-7 won and lost record in the 27th annual event, one of the nation's oldest inter-collegiate debate tournaments. Some 47 schools were represented.

Southern's other three traveling teams tied William Jewell College and Drury College for top honors in the Midwest Speech Tournament at Kirksville, Mo., Saturday. The teams entered were Ray Canterbery, Mt. Morris, and Robert Holton, Granite City; Harry Lux, Columbia, and Richard Munsaker, New Athens; and Harold and Nancy Allen, Cairo.

The two tournaments wound up Southern's fall quarter debate activities with an overall record of 77 wins out of 100 team rounds.

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Release: IMMEDIATE

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- One-half the cost of an acre of good central Illinois prairie farm land today would have been enough for a new settler in the 1820s to buy, improve and put into cultivation a 40-acre farm on virgin prairie land. Statistics quoted in a descriptive sketch of "Illinois in 1837," a book published that year by S. August Mitchell, leads to that comparison. The volume, containing much early Illinois historical and geographical information and suggestions to encourage emigrants to settle in the prairie lands of the state, has been presented to the Southern Illinois University library by Joseph Adams, McLeansboro.

In discussing the value of extensive Illinois prairie land for agriculture, the author quotes from Dr. Beck's Gazetteer of Missouri, published in 1823. A settler buying from the government domain could get 40 acres for $50. Cost of breaking up the prairie land for cultivation was $1.50 to $2 per acre, and fencing 40 acres eight rails high with stake and rider would require 6,000 rails and stakes, costing $100 total. A cabin would add another $20, bringing the total farm outlay to $250.

For the benefit of would-be settlers, the author painted glowing word pictures of rich Illinois prairies, comparatively free of timber except along streams and in low areas. This reduced considerably the cost of putting land into cultivation, he pointed out. In many instances a single crop of wheat would pay for the land, fencing, cultivation, harvesting and marketing of the crop. A considerable traffic in trading improved land already was underway in settled areas of the state.

The first half of the volume is devoted to a general sketch of the state. The last half gives sketches of the state's 70 organized counties, its principal cities, and letters from travelers.

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12/11/56

Carbondale, Ill., Dec.--John S. Rendleman, who served as a counsel to the Illinois Budgetary Commission during its investigation of Orville Hodge's activities in the state auditor's office, has resumed his duties as legal counsel at Southern Illinois University.

The Commission submitted the report of its investigations last week. Rendleman has been an assistant to Chief Counsel Albert Jenner during the five-month probe.

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12/12/56

CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec.--Overtime victories are becoming a speciality for the Southern Illinois University cagers, who turned in two extra-time wins in five days.

The victims were Midwestern University of Wichita Falls, Texas, which lost 67-62, here Monday (Dec. 10) night and Ft. Leonard Wood, 74-69 losers to Southern in SIU's home opener here last Thursday (Dec. 6). Both games ended in 59-59 deadlocks at the end of regulation time.

Southern has two more home games this week end, meeting Eastern Michigan Friday (Dec. 14) night and Central Michigan Saturday (Dec. 15) night, and players and fans are wondering if these will also go beyond regulation time.

SIU Coach Lynn Holder admitted that overtime games were not exactly helping his receding hairline, but nevertheless, was quite happy over the victories.

In between the overtime games, Southern sandwiched in a 80-57 defeat at the hands of Indiana University, one of the powers in the Big Ten this year. Southern played Indiana on even terms most of the second half, trailing by only eleven points with seven minutes left. Paced by 6-8 center Archie Dees, Mt. Carmel (Ill.) prep star, the Hoosiers spurted away in the closing minutes.

Playing their third game in five nights, the Salukis displayed only mediocre ability against Midwestern, but came through when the chips were down, tying the score in the last 25 seconds of regulation time and playing excellent ball in the overtime period.

Outstanding for Southern so far this season has been Larry Whitlock, Mt. Vernon, who has led the scoring department in all four of SIU's games. He scored 14 in SIU's opening loss to Valparaiso (Ind.) University, hit for 24 against Ft. Leonard Wood, 23 against Indiana, and 19 against Midwestern--an average of 20 points a game.

Two Joneses, both freshmen--Marvin of East St. Louis and Richard of Herrin, have edged themselves into the starting lineup and Holder plans to send them, along with Whitlock, Seymour Bryson, Quincy; and Gordon Lambert, Marion, against the two Michigan clubs this week end. Lambert lost two front teeth in a rebound scramble in the Indiana tilt but came back to start against Midwestern.

Central Michigan is 2-0 for the season, while Eastern Michigan has a 1-1 mark.

Preliminary game Friday night will pit SIU's Jr. Varsity against the St. Louis University freshman squad, while Saturday's preliminary will feature an SIU--Michigan State gymnastic meet beginning at 6:30. Varsity gametime is 8:15.

North Dakota University plays Southern at Herrin (Wednesday) Dec. 19. Tickets for this game and the two contests this week end are on sale at the SIU ticket office.

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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Melvin Lockard, secretary of the Southern Illinois University board of trustees, was elected president of the National Bank of Mattoon at a board meeting Tuesday (Dec. 11). He succeeded M.F. Behrend, who resigned the position due to ill health. He will remain as senior vice-president of the bank.

Lockard, formerly of Cobden, went to the Mattoon bank Sept. 1, assuming the position of executive vice-president.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec.--High school debaters and speakers throughout Southern Illinois have been invited to Southern Illinois University's annual High School Speech Festival and Debate Tournament scheduled here in mid-January.

The Speech Festival, to be held at University School Jan. 19, will feature individually judged events in extemporaneous speaking, radio speaking, after-dinner speaking, verse reading, play-reading, original monologue and original oratory.

Dr. Paul Hunsinger, associate professor of speech at SIU, will conduct a choral clinic preceding the awards ceremony at 4:30 p.m. The three top winners in after-dinner speaking will be featured during a Festival luncheon in the University Cafeteria.

Championship trophies will be awarded to the top affirmative and negative teams following the Second Annual High School debate tournament at University School Jan. 26. Individual debaters will also be judged for "excellent" and "superior" performances during the day-long event. Last year Granite City, DuQuoin and Mattoon debaters won most of the honors.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- The largest state appropriations for education in the history of Illinois will be required in the 1957-59 biennium to cope with rising costs and spiraling school enrollments, board members of the Educational Council of 100 learned Tuesday (Dec. 11) at a meeting at Southern Illinois University.

Two state senators and two representatives, guests of the Council, also heard reports on increased educational needs from speakers representing the Illinois School Problems Commission, Southern Illinois University, State Teachers' Retirement System, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Illinois Education Association.

The legislators were Sen. R. G. Crisenberry, Murphysboro; Sen. William Grindle, Herrin; Rep. Gordon Kerr, Brookport; and Rep. Paul Simon, Troy.

Dr. Orville Alexander, research director for the Illinois School Problems Commission, said that the legislature must appropriate at least $63,000,000 for the next two years beyond the $201,000,000 granted in 1955-57 merely to continue the state's program of public education at its present level.

He said he expects the Commission to recommend establishment of a $12,000,000 revolving fund for financing school building construction. Under the plan, the state would retain title to the new buildings until school districts repaid their indebtedness on an installment plan. Only districts which have exhausted their bonding power would be eligible, Alexander said.

The Commission representative also said that the formation of a new state board of equalization would be proposed. This group, he said, representing both political parties, would take over the tax assessment functions now performed by the State Department of Revenue.

Alexander said inequalities in general property tax assessments, where about 80 percent of school revenue comes from, is "a matter of great concern among schoolmen throughout the state."

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Southern Illinois University President Delyte W. Morris, pointing out that SIU's enrollment has doubled to 6,255 students in four years, emphasized the need for funds for improving the existing educational program and preparing for continued enrollment increases.

George H. Hand, SIU vice-president for business affairs, cited the shortage of buildings. Twelve more structures costing $29,000,000 are being sought, he said, including buildings for physical education and military training, home economics, education, and student housing.

The University officials said the legislature also would be asked for funds for raising faculty and staff salaries, acquiring land, completing and renovating existing buildings, and increasing area services.

Aubrey Holmes, executive secretary of the Teachers' Retirement System, termed the state's survivor benefits program for teachers inadequate and asked for increased appropriations for the teacher retirment fund.

Samuel M. Bishop, chief statistician for the Superintendent of Public Instruction, said any cut in state aid to schools "in the crucial years ahead would have serious implications for every school in the state."

Wayne Stoneking, representing the Illinois Education Association, said increased school funds could best be obtained through a state income tax "to spread the tax load more equally."

Reports also were made by James N. Porter, executive secretary of the Southern Illinois Association for the Crippled, Inc.; William A. Howe, president of the Egyptian Association for Mentally Retarded Children, and Harry F. Truitt, president of the Council of 100.

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CAIRO, ILL., Dec. -- Editors of small daily newspapers from five states will discuss local censorship problems and community leadership opportunities at a Newspaper Editorial Policies Workshop in Cairo, Jan. 26-27, sponsored by Southern Illinois University's Department of Journalism.

Area representatives of Associated Press, United Press, and International News Service also will be invited to the meeting, first of its kind to be held off the SIU campus.

Main speaker will be Paul Tiblier, managing editor of the Jackson, Miss., State Times, daily newspaper which has become a financial success despite severe competition since its founding two years ago. Tiblier will be accompanied by the State Times' publisher, O. A. Robinson.

The State Times was organized in early 1955 following the merger of ownership of the two established dailies in Jackson, Mississippi's state capital. The newspaper is owned by more than 900 stockholders of the Citizens Publishing Company. About half the newspaper's employees are among the stockholders.

Workshop director is Charles C. Clayton, SIU visiting professor of journalism and editor of The Quill, magazine for journalists. The Cairo Evening Citizen is cooperating in the workshop, which will be conducted at Hotel Cairo.

Clatyon said workshop registration would be limited because of the numerous group discussions planned. States to be represented are Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky and Indiana.

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ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS.

SIU COUNTRY COLUMN
By Albert Meyer

Perhaps baked ham or roast duckling all trimmed with delicacies will be the center of interest at your Christmas feast. So be it, but let's talk turkey today.

Turkey has become more than just a Thanksgiving dish in recent years. The bird has gained a prominent place on the Christmas Day menu as well as being a tasty meat course at other seasons of the year. In fact, the poultry industry is promoting turkey for Easter and in mid-summer.

Through good promotion, improved production methods and research this change in consumer acceptance of turkeys has been brought about. That consumers are using turkey as a year around meat instead of just a Thanksgiving treat is partly indicated by the increased per capita consumption. The American people this year will consume approximately 5.4 pounds of turkey per capita as compared to 1.5 pounds in 1930.

Farmers are raising 76,000,000 turkeys this year, an increase of 16 percent over 1955. Present indications point toward an even larger production in 1957 because a survey of turkey breeders on October 1 revealed intentions to have 16 percent more heavy hens on hand in January than a year ago. Increases this year seem to be in the heavier breeds. Statistics indicate about 29 percent more heavy breed and 19 percent less light breed turkeys this year than last.

Turkey production like raising broiler chickens, has moved out of the small backyard poultry flock class into the big time business enterprise. Modern turkey farms have flocks of several thousand birds. Their watchword must be efficiency.

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By using labor-saving methods, scientific feeding, and good flock management, turkey growers are able to cut production costs and to market high quality birds which will meet the requirements of the most demanding consumers. The larger volume of production has lowered retail prices of turkeys to levels within the reach of greater numbers of buyers. Lowering prices mean smaller profit margins for the farmers too, but they are going ahead with heavier production, depending on volume to get a satisfactory income on a small profit margin. However, they cannot afford many mistakes under these circumstances if they want to stay in business.

Some growers increase their income possibilities by adding cleaning and marketing services to their business, maintaining retail sales facilities on the farm where customers may obtain freshly-cleaned turkeys ready-prepared for the oven. Some even finish the preparation job by roasting birds to order.

In keeping with modern trends toward convenience for the consumer, some meat processors now are making available oven-ready frozen turkeys ready-stuffed with dressing. All the cook needs to do is put the bird in the heated oven.

In shopping for the Christmas turkey, recommendations are that the housewife allow from one-half to three-fourths pounds of dressed turkey per serving in determining the size of bird to buy. Some persons may eat more but others will consume less, so the total balances out about right. A wide selection of sizes now is available. If a certain size is desired, the best policy is to place an order with the shopkeeper a week or ten days ahead of time so he may guide his purchases accordingly.

Turkey halves or quarters may be prepared without loss of flavor quite as satisfactorily as a whole bird for the small family. Nor is there need to worry about left-over turkey. Many tasty dishes, such as sliced cold turkey with nut bread, creamed turkey on toast or in patty shells or potato baskets, turkey pot pie, or turkey croquettes may be prepared from left-over turkey.

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Number 182 in a weekly series--"It Happened in Southern Illinois"--a series consisting of regional folklore and historical accounts suitable for feature, column or editorial use.

SOME FOLKLORE ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The story of Christmas has been told often and well. It has furnished inspiration for pleasing poetry and themes for some of the world's greatest music. Painters have caught something of its spirit on canvas. Many legends and stories that center about the day have been repeated and recorded as more are gathered.

There is one segment of Christmas lore, however, that appears to be decreasing. This one is made up of the signs, sayings and superstitions that have been passed along by "word of mouth". A number of items from this lessening portion of our Christmas lore, all heard in southern Illinois, have been gathered and are offered here. Perhaps they will suggest other similar bits to some older persons. If they are being passed on we do not know of it.

A large number of the items of lore in this field are those that would foretell something of coming events. Many were once thought of as guides to approaching weather. For instance, if there is a white Christmas it will be green at Easter, followed by a good crop year and plenty of fruit, particularly a fine peach crop if the wind blows from the south. Should Christmas be warm and green, Easter will be white, spring will be late and the crop year will not be so good. An icy time between Christmas and New Year also indicates a good crop year and the number of days between the first snowfall and Christmas will tell the number of snows to be expected during the winter.

Perhaps the most elaborate method prescribed for foretelling the weather for each month of the coming year is the one making use of a dozen onions. The ritual using these onions should be carried out between eleven o'clock and midnight on New Year's Eve in the following manner here indicated. Each of twelve onions is cut across the top and hollowed out about halfway down. All are then placed on a table in an east-west row and named for the months of the year. About an equal amount of salt is next placed in each hollowed top. After this, no one should go near the row of onions until the following morning.

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At that time some of the depressions will be found to contain water while others may be dry. The amount of water in each cavity will indicate the relative amount of rainfall for the corresponding month. We have often heard of this bit of weather lore and have known it to be tried.

Snowy weather at Christmas time also foretells general good health for the next several months. If the ground is covered with snow, expect a green Easter and a "lean graveyard". Should Christmas be green Easter will be white, there will be more sickness and a "fat graveyard".

Good luck may be wooed by tying a head of cabbage to the ceiling and sticking nails in it. If no head of cabbage is available, equally good results may be had by eating sauerkraut for Christmas dinner. Pork and blackeyed peas may be substituted.

A number of the season's superstitions relate to animals. Cows and other livestock kneel at midnight on Christmas Eve but woe betide the one who watches them. A folklorist in Indiana tells of a report that a woman who thus snooped suffered a stroke and could never again talk. On Christmas Eve animals can understand what is said to them and can talk with spirits at midnight. If stables are cleaned during the Christmas-New Year week, witches will not hurt the stock during the coming year.

On Christmas Eve the spirits talk and children born on Christmas Day can see and understand them. The crowing of a rooster at night presages ill luck, unless the crowing be done during the Christmas season. Misfortune also comes if evergreens used for decorations are left up after January. Those who take a bath between Christmas and New Year will be clean all the year. Also, a fly must not be killed on Christmas Day.

If someone is curious about the identity of a future mate, that person needs only place the wishbone from the Christmas fowl above the doorway. The first eligible person passing beneath it will be that mate. Ashes must not be removed on Christmas Day and a woman must not knit or sew between that day and the fourth day of the New Year.

If someone wishes to guard his dog against the danger of rabies for the coming year, let him feed the dog some silver filings on buttered toast at noon on Christmas Day. If anyone wishes to know the number of gifts that he will receive, let him count the number of white spots in his fingernails. The writer must be in for some disappointment for he can't find a single little white spot. ###

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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- "Ode to Consonance," a symphonic composition by Roy Harris, distinguished visiting professor of music at Southern Illinois University, will be performed by the University of Illinois Symphony at the Music Teachers' National Association convention in Chicago next September.

The composition, commissioned by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national honorary music society, was premiered Dec. 9 in Champaign by the University of Illinois orchestra conducted by Bernard Goodman.

Harris, regarded as America's top living composer, is currently working on his "Eighth Symphony." It will be premiered next May by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec.--Founding of a system of American universities in underdeveloped countries throughout the world is among a number of recommendations made to the U.S. State Department by a "work group" of Southern Illinois citizens who have completed a study of foreign aid programs.

The study group, set up by Southern Illinois University at the request of the State Department, has spent the last month analyzing "The American Citizen's Stake in the Progress of Less Developed Areas of the World." The topic is one of five slated for discussion by similar groups throughout the nation within the next two years.

Established by the State Department and the National Commission for UNESCO, the program's purpose is to provide government policymakers with a grass-roots sampling of public sentiment and opinion on vital foreign policy issues.

After completing the first topic, the Carbondale group decided foreign aid appropriations designed to promote long-range development (some $300 millions) should be increased, perhaps by shifting emergency aid funds the re-alignment, the group said, would make aid more effective in the long run without increasing the financial burden for the American taxpayer."

The group's report stated, "American aid should supplement the efforts of underdeveloped countries; it should not and cannot effectively initiate such action" The report continued, "No aid should be offered unless specifically asked for, although there should be continued efforts to educate the people regarding their needs

Counterpart funds now "piling up in a large number of countries" should be used for both an increased exchange of technical personnel--particularly between underdeveloped countries and other nations with partially developed resources--and construction of a number of American Universities abroad. "The original construction costs as well as the annual subsidies of these universities could be financed almost entirely through counterpart funds now lying idle," the report stated. "Each foreign university should be entrusted to a leading American university as sponsor."

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The report said the benefits of such a long-range educational program would be "far more lasting than the present system of providing experts for scientific projects."

Other suggestions included an emphasis whenever possible, on use of private capital rather than public credit for development; an expanded system of insuring foreign investments; tighter restrictions on Export-Import Bank loans; more ample aid for a limited number of carefully selected countries rather than relatively little aid to a large number of countries; more loans and fewer grants; and better coordination of American aid and foreign policy in general.

A majority of the group thought Britain should be forced to mobilize her $2 billion worth of American securities to help finance oil shipments rather than involve American aid or Export-Import bank funds.

A sponsoring committee, headed by Dr. Willis G. Swartz, dean of the SIU Graduate School, will meet in February to plan a second work group for next spring.

Its topic will be "Our Moral and Spiritual Resources for International Cooperation." Other representative citizens of the area will be chosen to study this problem.

Dr. G. C. Wiegand, professor of economics at SIU, served as discussion leader for the first group.

SIU sponsoring committee members who attended discussions were: Dean Raymond Dey, Dr. Frank Klingberg, John McDermott, Dr. Vera L. Peacock, Mrs. William A. Pitkin, Miss Opal Stone and Ross Fligor.

Area members of the study group were:

CARBONDALE: J.A. Anderson, Mrs. J.W. Neckers, R.A. Schmidt, Virginia Spiller, John L. Thomas, and Dr. Robert Harper.

DONGOLA: Guy Karraker, R.T. Reeves.

HERRIN: Taffie Helleny

MARION: Oscar Schafale

MT. VERNON: Dr. Merle Lumbattis

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CARBONDALE, ILL., DEC. -- A total of 173 adults received high school diplomas this year by passing Tests of General Educational Development at Southern Illinois University, according to Dr. Jack W. Graham, coordinator of the SIU Testing Center.

Graham said the diplomas were issued by 39 high schools, mainly in Southern Illinois. In all, 202 persons were tested.

The first GED testing program at SIU in 1957 will begin at 8 a.m., Jan. 4, at the Office of Student Affairs. A day and a half of testing is required.

Each person to be tested should bring a letter from his high school principal indicating that the school will grant a diploma if he successfully completes the tests Graham said.

The University administers GED tests the first Friday and Saturday of each month except September.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. --More than half the 6,000,000 acres of land lying above the junction and between the Mississippi and Illinois rivers was set aside by the United States government as a Military Bounty Tract for soldiers of the regular army as a kind of bonus payment for service in the War of 1812.

An old book on "Illinois in 1837," published that year by S. August Mitchell describes this tract. The volume recently was presented to Southern Illinois University library by Joseph Adams, of the McLeansboro Times-Leader.

The Military Bounty Tract, outlined by public surveys during 1815-1816, extended northward to a base line beginning on the Mississippi river seven miles north of Quincy and terminating on the Illinois river about four miles below Beardstown. Nearly two-thirds of the region was described as prairie land, the rest being in timber.

The nearly 2,000,000 acres in this area, unappropriated by the government for bounties to soldiers, was available for interested settlers. The author said its climate was "not unconginial to the constitution of men from the northern and middle states" and that it seemed well adapted to the "constitution of emigrants from Kentucky, Tennessee and the Carolinas."

He warned, however, that large portions on the margins of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers might be unhealthful at some seasons of the year, because of stagnant waters resulting from overflowing streams.

He pointed out that much of the land given to the soldiers had already been sold for taxes by the state and was in the hands of non-residents who held it at prices to exorbitant for general sale, thus retarding its settlement.

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CARBONDALE, ILL. Dec.--If men can take a home economics course at Southern Illinois University, there is nothing wrong with a group of women students signing up for an industrial education course, say 17 SIU co-eds preparing to be kindergarten and primary teachers.

Oblivious to the predominance of male students and noisy woodworking machines, lathes, and other equipment in adjoining rooms of the barracks-type industrial education shops, the women students topped off a fall term toy-making project Friday afternoon (Dec. 14) with a Christmas party for the Industrial Education department staff members and their wives.

Shelby Shake, assistant professor teaching the course in Methods and Construction Activities for kindergarten and primary education majors, explained that class members chose toy-making as a term project. The term's end coincided with the Christmas season, and a party provided for display of the work--complete with simulated fireplace, lighted tree and class-made decorations.

The course objective is to have prospective teachers of small children learn to use simple materials found around the classroom or home--wood, pieces of tin, or paper--for making objects and to project the activity into a "learning by doing" situation within the grasp of five-and-six-year-olds. The co-eds are juniors and seniors.

Their brightly painted toys feature common animals and birds.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec.--Five candidates for Military Ball Queen at Southern Illinois University will be winnowed from a field of 16 nominees here during the first week of January. Southern's Air Force ROTC cadets will view the five finalists and then choose a queen in corps-wide balloting Jan. 22.

The annual Military Ball, sponsored by the Arnold Air Force Society, an organization of advanced cadet scholars, is scheduled for Jan. 26 with the Duke Ellington Orchestra as the chief attraction. Ellington will play an all-school concert preceding the formal dance. The new queen will be crowned at the Ball by Miss Sherry Craig of Pinckneyville, 1955 winner.

The five finalists will be selected from the 16 nominees during an Arnold Air Force Society coffee hour the first week following Christmas vacation.

The nominees are:

BROOKPORT: Marie Holifield
CARBONDALE: Mary Jane Chaney
CLINTON: Helen Chapman
DUQUOIN: Janet Ozburn
HERRIN: Gloria Agers
IRONTON, MO.: Janis Leech
KELL: Jean Myers
MARION: Martha Deboe, Carole Chambless, Martha Sue Cooksey
NAPERVILLE: Jean Williams
METROPOLIS: Janet Arensman
NEW BADEN: Mildred Ahner
RADOM: Jeanette Jankowski
WARRENSBURG: Jane Herr
SANDOVAL: Patricia White

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec.--Like to finsih your Christmas dinner this year without feeling as stuffed as the turkey?

Now it can be done, thanks to Mrs. Mary Louise Barnes, home economist at Southern Illinois University.

Gathering facts to save figures, the SIU foods specialist has come up with a six-course holiday feast which she guarantees to be filling but non-fattening.

Actually, you can lose weight eating her dieters' dinner because it contains at most 550 calories, which is only half as many as the active man consumes in a normal evening meal.

Starting with the appetizer, Mrs. Barnes suggests cranberry juice cocktail (50 calories) or kraut-tomato juice (25 calories) rather than a calorie-laden fruit cup.

Her relish tray containing a celery heart, two radish roses, a green pepper ring and a couple of green olives adds up to only 25 calories.

She recommends sliced turkey or chicken for the meat course (170 calories). Another suggestion is roast leg of lamb (230 calories). Filet mignon, even a small serving, hikes the calorie count to 300.

Lowest-calorie vegetables are asparagus (six spears), green beans and broiled tomatoes, each 15 calories. Buttered potatoes? Not for dieters.

Mrs. Barnes also endorses two 100-calorie salads, and in the red and green Christmas colors, too. They are:

Christmas star salad--Marinate with a light French dressing sections of fresh grapefruit and halves of tiny canned beets. Arrange on a glass plate to form a five-pointed star with a half beet between the sections of grapefruit. Garnish with water cress.

Broccoli salad (five servings)--Cook one package of frozen broccoli until barely tender. Add one onion, minced finely; one pimento, cut in narrow strips, one-fourth teaspoon dry mustard; a dash of pepper; a tablespoon of tarrigan vinegar; and one-third cup of French dressing. Chill throughly. Arrange on lettuce and garnish with slices of hard cooked egg.

Mrs. Barnes suggests raspberry angel delight as an ideal low-calorie dessert for the holiday meal. Merely place a small slice of angel food cake on the dessert plate and top with partially thawed red raspberries. Garnish with a sprig of fresh mint. One serving contains only 100 calories.

"Without actually counting your Christmas dinner calories, you still can stay trim by performing a simple little exercise," Mrs. Barnes added. "When offered starchy vegetables, dressings, gravies, bread, and heavy desserts, just move your head slowly from side-to-side."

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ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS

CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. --Moisture shortage instead of disease apparently was responsible for yellow, unthrifty looking winter wheat, barley and oat fields recently, reports Dr. George H. Dungan, visiting professor of agronomy in the Southern Illinois University School of Agriculture. Recent December rains are improving the appearance of the winter grains.

Dungan says that reports from farmers and the observation of stunted, partly dead small grain plants at the Carbondale Cooperative Agronomy Research Center plots stirred fears of unidentified diseased conditions. Farm samples of sickly looking Knox wheat, furnished by Gerald Glasco, SIU agriculture senior from Route 2, Jonesboro, and barley plants from the Agronomy Research Center were taken by Dungan to Dr. Robert Endo, Urbana, for examination. Undo is cereal pathologist with the Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station and the United States Department of Agriculture. Endo reported no evidence of disease in the samples.

Because plants are showing marked signs of recovery since recent rains, Dungan concludes that the trouble is due to lack of moisture and possibly plant food deficiencies. Wheat on land of high fertility has appeared better all fall than grain on soils of medium to low fertility.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., DEC. 14 A proposal that Southern Illinois University lease the campus of Shurtleff College at Alton will be referred to the SIU board of trustees for consideration, University President D. W. Morris said Friday (Dec.14).

Earlier in the day, the Shurtleff board of trustees voted to suspend operations at the end of the spring semester. The trustees offered the buildings and grounds to Southern on a lease arrangement with an option to buy.

"We had hoped that Shurtleff would be able to continue its long tradition of church oriented education as a full-fledged college and for a period of several years we have tried to assist them in their struggle to keep alive," Dr. Morris said. "We now are hopeful that the trustees of Shurtleff will find some way to keep the traditions of Shurtleff alive through some such means as a student religious foundation."

Recently the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University authorized the establishment of one or more additional residence centers in the Madison-St. Clair area.

"I am confident," said Morris, "our Board of Trustees will give careful consideration to the possibility of using Shurtleff College facilities for a residence center." Residents of the two counties have petitioned Southern to increase its educational offerings there to take care of a large potential college enrollment.

Shurtleff's campus is the second site offered to the University as a residence center in recent weeks. Next Thursday (Dec. 20), University officials will inspect the East St. Louis High School which will be vacated when a new building is complete next fall.

As a result of earlier efforts to help Shurtleff, the University had contracted to use facilities at Shurtleff in a limited way, by teaching classes on the graduate level and undergradute courses that do not conflict with Shurtleff's offerings on the Alton campus, and reimbursing the denominational college on the basis of student enrollment in the courses. (more)

"If the SIU board accepts Shurtleff's new proposal," Morris said, "the University will ask Ernest V. Hollis, chief of college administration in the U. S. Office of Education, for advice on possible educational developments for the Shurtleff campus. For several years, Shurtleff officials have been following a program for accreditation outlined by Hollis, and Southern Illinois University officials will wish to take advantage of Hollis' experience in the area and with the college's facilities."

The next SIU Board meeting is scheduled for January 17.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. --Carver Shannon, Southern Illinois University's outstanding halfback from Corinth, Miss., has been named to the first team of an all-Illinois selection by the Peoria Journal Star.

The team's selections covered 22 college grid teams in Illinois--all except Northwestern and the University of Illinois.

Shannon, a sophomore, averaged seven yards a trip in 99 carries this season and scored a total of 90 points in eitht games. Injuries hindered him during the last of the season or his totals would have been even higher. Earlier this month Shannon was named as the most valuable player in the Interstate Conference.

Other SIU grid stars honored were tackle Ed Hayes, Carbondale, second team tackle; John Abromovitch, Haverhill, Mass., third team center; Marion Rushing, Pinckneyville, third team end; and Gene Krolak, Chicago, and Bob Batura, Danvers, Mass., honorable mention.

Four Interstate Conference players were awarded first team berths.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. --Southern Illinois University has announced a 12-meet swimmin schedule, including home contests against St. Louis University and the Air Force Academy.

The complete schedule: Jan. 5--Bradley University, there; Jan. 12--Washington University, there; Jan. 19--Beloit College, here; Jan. 26--Western Illinois, there; Feb. 2--St. Louis University, here; Feb. 9--Air Force Academy, here; Feb. 15--Illinois Normal, here; Feb. 16--Missouri Mines, here; Feb. 23--Loyola University, there; Mar. 9--IIAC championships at Western;

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Mar. 23--NAIA Regional championship at Carbondale; Mar. 28-29-30--NCAA championships at University of North Carolina.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. --Southern Illinois University has been named the site of the 1957 Interstate Conference cross country meet, which is set for Nov. 9.

Eastern Illinois has been selected as the location of the IIAC's golf, tennis, and track meets scheduled for May 24-25.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec.--Southern Illinois University's basketball team will open a three-game holiday cage menu against North Dakota University at Herrin Wednesday (Dec. 19) night.

The Salukis will then clash with Millikin University in a firemen's benefit game at Flora Dec. 26 and will entertain Miami University (Ohio) at Harrisburg Dec. 28 to complete the holiday fare.

It will be home-town night at the North Dakota game at Herrin with one of SIU's guards being Richard (Itchy) Jones, 5-9 freshman, who already earned a starting berth on the SIU squad and has been outstanding in his dribbling and defensive ability.

Other probable SIU starters in the holiday games will be captain Gordon Lambert, Marion, at the other guard; Marvin Jones, a 6-2 freshman from East St. Louis, at center; and Seymour Bryson, Quincy, and Larry Whitlock, Mt. Vernon, forwards.

Southern sports a 3-3 conference slate, including a 78-60 Interstate Conference win over Eastern Michigan here last Friday (Dec. 14) night. Saturday Southern dropped a 67-60 decision to a hot-shooting Central Michigan crew in another league encounter.

Pacing the Salukis in scoring is Whitlock, 6-5 junior, who is averaging 18.5 points per game. He hit for 23 against Eastern Michigan. Leading Southern's scoring punch against Central Michigan was Bryson with 18.

North Dakota, Millikin, and Miami are all highly-regarded foes and all have clubs as tall or taller than the Salukis. To offset this disadvantage, Southern may employ more speed and a pressing-type defense.

SIU students will be admitted free on their activity tickets at the Herrin game, which will begin at 8:30 with a preliminary between Southern's Jr. Varsity and an independent team, New Era Dairy of Carbondale, slated for 6:30. Admission will be $1 for adults, 50 cents for high school students, and $1.25 for reserved seats.

The Flora and Harrisburg games are scheduled for 8 p.m.

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ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS

CARBONDALE, ILL., DEC. --Four weeks of college life await farmers--young and old--who enroll for Southern Illinois University's fourth annual Winter Short Course in Agriculture which opens January 7, according to Alex Reed, SIU supervisor of adult education in agriculture.

The SIU Division of Technical and Adult Education and the School of Agriculture are cooperating in the project.

Primary purpose of the program, Reed says, is to offer organized practical instruction in subjects of interest and value to farmers at a time when farm work is least pressing. At the same they may take part in athletic, cultural and social activities at the University. Persons will attend on campus classes in agriculture, taught by regular School of Agriculture faculty members, throughout the day during the four weeks. Those not within easy commuting distance may live in university housing or private homes.

Seventeen courses will be available. They are so scheduled that students may take five or more with at least one in each of six general subject fields.

The following courses are offered: economic problems of farmers, farm management, agricultural marketing and prices, farm machinery and tractors farm welding, forage crops and pastures, soils and fertilizers, crop production, dairy cattle feeding and management, livestock management and feeding, swine management and feeding, animal breeding, poultry production farm forestry, fruit production, vegetable production, and landscape gardening.

Tuition, laboratory and book rental fees are estimated at $14.80.

Lodging and meals will be extra, depending on the desires and needs of the students

Persons planning to enroll may contact local FFA chapters, banks or farm implement dealers for possible scholarships. Anyone 16 years or older and not now enrolled in high school, may be admitted. Persons satisfactorily completeing the course will receive certificates which do not allow college credit but become a permanent record at the University for use as references. Reed urges interested persons to send applications to him as soon as possible.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. --Eighteen Southern Illinois University swimmers are spending their Christmas vacation at the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. swimming forum, which runs from Dec. 21 to 31.

Part of the cost of the trip will be paid from receipts on the first annual Dolphin Show held here in November and from home football game's concessions with team members sharing the rest of the expenses.

About 600 of the nation's best college and high school swimmers are attending this annual clinic, which features exhibitions, demonstrations, a Dolphin show, an East-West swimming meet, and ample time for workouts in both pools and the Atlantic Ocean.

SIU swimming coach, Bill Housner, a former All-American swimming star, will make the trip with the team and will be one of the coaches of the West team in the East-West contest.

Housner says the trip not only should give the SIU swimmers a good vacation but should get them in good condition for their opening swimming meet against Bradley University at Peoria Jan. 5.

Those making the trip are Joe Barry, Edwardsville; Bruce Coleman, West Frankfort; Robert Montgomery, Grafton; John Huber, Hoopeston; Roger Counsil, Wood River; Earle Bitzer, Collinsville; Alan Cline, Springfield; Wilbert Stoever, Chester.

Bob Campbell, Kankakee; Charles Strattan, Mt. Vernon; Tom Harris, Highland Park; Terry Lockman, West Frankfort; Rex Paddock, Grafton; Bill Busch, Jerseyville; Bob Schulhof, Chicago; David Burksteller, Wyatt, Mo.; Terry Yates, St. Louis; and Laurence Benjamin, Highland Park.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. --Carver Shannon, SIU halfback from Corinth, Miss., has received honorable mention on the Mid-Bracket All American team announced by the Williamson Ratings System.

Shannon, who was Southern Illinois University's top scorer and ground gainer, ranked eighth in scoring among the nation's minor football powers.

The Mid-Bracket category is designed to cover middle-sized colleges and universities.

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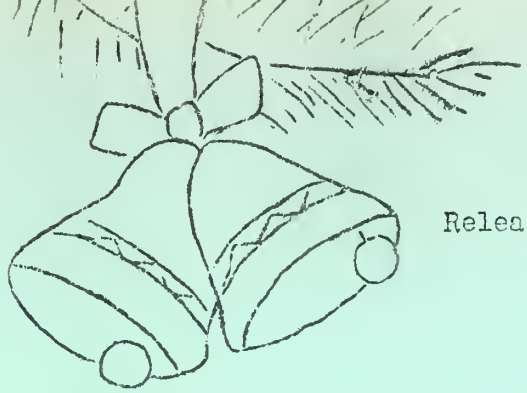

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CARBONDALE, ILL., DEC. 19 -- What would any job amount to if it weren't for the people you meet and are privileged to know?

Now is the time for us to say that 1956 has been a good year for Information Service because you have made it so. Without your interest and friendliness, we wouldn't be in business, and we just want you to know that we know it and that we never forget it for a minute.

Something else we hope men never forget is that Christmas joy stems basically from more than friendships and gifts and family dinners. For nearly 2000 years the world has had greater concern and respect for individuals and there has been more kindliness because of the examples and teachings of One Man in three short years.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

Bill

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(This is the first of a series on three articles explaining Southern Illinois University's request for increased appropriations in 1957-59 for buildings and other campus improvements.)

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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Southern Illinois University will ask the coming session of the Illinois General Assembly for $39,319,000 to be spent on new buildings and capital improvements during the next two years.

The huge budget request is necessary, SIU officials say, if the University is going to be able to provide anything like adequate facilities for Southern's rapidly growing student body.

Since 1949, the University has contracted for twenty million dollars worth of construction and campus improvements, but this hardly begins to meet the need. Some 169,500 square feet of space used for classrooms, laboratories and offices is in ex-residences, barracks buildings and temporary structures, most of which are hard to heat in the winter and expensive to maintain.

There are also new campus buildings which cannot be completed without additional funds and old buildings which have not had major repairs for 30 years or more.

Less than 12 per cent of the student body can now be housed in permanent campus dormitories. New residence halls are going up but not as fast as enrollment. Dormitories now under construction will provide sleeping quarters for 480 students, while enrollment is expected to increase by nearly 900 students next fall.

Since 1949, the University has been able to add three large buildings, including a library, in which classes can be taught. During this period, however, enrollment at Southern has jumped from 3166 to 6300.

"Despite new construction, the space situation is actually tighter than ever," says University President D.W. Morris.

Rickety old homes which are used for classrooms, laboratories, and offices around the periphery of the campus add up to 72,000 square feet of floor space. This is equivalent to a single structure the size of Southern's sprawling new agriculture building which is now under construction.

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If the University were to replace with a single building the rotting World War II barracks buildings it now uses, the building would have to be as large as three-story Old Main which has more than 56,000 square feet of space.

Temporary structures on concrete foundations can be used for some time to come, but replacing them would require a building the size of Southern's gymnasium.

As if things weren't bad enough now, the University is looking forward to 1960 when 9000 students are expected to seek enrollment.

"To fulfill the hopes and confidences of the people of Southern Illinois, the University must have adequate facilities to provide the education sought by eager thousands," says President Morris. "Not only additional classroom buildings and extensions of others are necessary, but also we shall need funds for student and faculty housing as well as architects' fees."

The University's budget request for 1957-59 includes $29,150,000 for new buildings; $2,963,000 for completion of other buildings; $1,500,000 for site acquisition; $1,143,000 for renovation of old buildings; $283,000 for improvements on the Vocational-Technical Institute campus, and $968,000 for architects' fees.

Subsequent articles in this series will discuss how these funds would be applied to take care of the University's present and future needs.

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(Note to editors: the second and third articles of this series will be mailed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 28.)

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ATTENTION: Farm Editors (first of two articles)

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Using better management practices would mean higher incomes for many of the farmers in a six-county area of southern Illinois who have beef cow herds for producing feeder calves.

That is the conclusion of Harvey S. Woods, Southern Illinois University farm management specialist, in his economic analysis of the organization and operation of a group of southern Illinois farms which had beef cow herds. The study was a cooperative research project of SIU, the University of Illinois, and the Production Economics Research Branch, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For his study, Woods used a sample of 66 farms with beef cow herds in the area comprising Pope, Hardin, Massac, Johnson, Union and Pulaski counties. Selections were made from members of the Egyptian Livestock Association, Vienna, who kept 10 or more brood cows in 1954. His objective was to determine the conditions under which the enterprise of producing feeder calves can be recommended as a profitable farm business to farmers in the area.

Woods found considerable variation in size of farms and quality of land. The 66 farms ranged in size from 143 to 1,023 acres, averaging 393 acres. Twenty-one had less than 300 acres. The average land value, as evaluated by the cooperating farmers, was $60 per acre. Approximately three-fourths of the land was classed as open tillable or pasture land that was free of brush, trees, rocks and other interferences with cultivation. More labor was available than was used on most of the farms. Both labor and land resources tended to be large in relation to capital resources on these farms.

All of the farmers produced feeder calves in 1954, but none relied on sales of beef cattle as the only source of income. On the average, cattle accounted for 33 percent; hogs, 15 percent; and feed and grain crops, 40 percent of total receipts. Other sources were sales of sheep, dairy cattle, poultry, fruit, and vegetables.

Woods found that generally there were too few cows on the farms for the beef herd to constitute more than just a supplementary enterprise. (more)

Only 5 of the 66 farms had 80 or more cows, the number needed on a specialized beef cattle raising farm to keep one man productively employed. The average size of herd for the 66 farms was 35 brood cows. Forty-seven farms had fewer than 40 cows per herd.

Generally, the farms had more acres of hay and pasture per cow than the three usually considered necessary. A hot, dry July in 1954 tended to reduce crop and livestock production in the area during the year under study. But the average productivity of the hay and pasture land is low. It can be boosted considerably, however, by using more fertilizer and other pasture improvement practices. Limestone had been used widely. But by 1954 only 59 percent of the open land on the 66 farms had received applications of phosphates. Little potash had been used.

Fifty-six of the farms used fescue for pastures. This grass has low palatability and feeding value in comparison with the more acceptable grasses and legumes in pasture and meadow mixtures. Farmers have found fescue to be drought resistant and they consider it more reliable for forage production on their land than the more palatable and nutritious pasture crops such as alfalfa, alsike clover, and orchard grass. Fifteen used supplementary hay and pasture crops, two-thirds rotated cattle from pasture to pasture during the year, but only four used rotational grazing within a pasture because most pastures were too unproductive for this method. Most farmers stored roughage as dry hay. There was little use of silage.

Fifty-three farmers believed more production could be obtained from their soil but 42 of them gave various reasons for not trying to get it.

A concluding article will deal with management problems and suggest alternative systems of farming for three farms that are representative of farming situations found in the study.

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CARBONDALE, Ill., Dec. -- Seminole Indians constituting the entire population of a remote village in the Everglades were among guests attending a reception Dec. 20 at St. Petersburg, Fla., honoring Irvin Peithmann, Southern Illinois University research assistant in recreation and outdoor education.

The occasion was the release of Peithmann's new book, "The Unconquered Seminoles of Florida", which, according to the St. Petersburg Times, tells the Indian side of the Seminole story in its entirety for the first time.

Also present at the reception were members of the staff of the Great Outdoors Association, which published the book.

Widely known for his knowledge of Indian lore, Peithmann also is the author of "Echoes of the Red Man," a book on Indian cultures in Southern Illinois.

Peithmann's interest in the Seminoles first was aroused by Rube Allyn, fishing editor of the St. Petersburg Times and president of the Great Outdoors Association. Obtaining a leave of absence from the University, Peithmann spent several months with the Florida Indians gathering pictures and material for his book. He plans to return to SIU about March 1.

Accompanying Peithmann on his most recent trip into the Everglades were Dr. William H. Freeburg, chairman of Southern's recreation and outdoor education department, and Dr. George Neumann, chairman of the anthropology department at Indiana University.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., Dec. --Six area radio stations will carry one hour tape recorded broadcasts of the Southern Illinois University "Messiah" [illegible] performance, according to Buren Robbins, director of the SIU Broadcasting Service which is distributing the program.

WCIL, Carbondale, and WJPF, Herrin, will broadcast the program at 1 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 23). WHCO, Sparta, will present it at 11 a.m. the same day. Broadcasting the "Messiah" on Christmas Day (Dec. 25) will be WMCK, Metropolis at 10 a.m.; WFIW, Fairfield, at 1 p.m.; and WFRX, West Frankfort, at 3 p.m. Bill Turner, Carbondale SIU student in radio speaking, will narrate the progr

The Southern Illinois Symphony orchestra and a massed chorus of singers from Southern Illinois presented Handel's "Messiah" in Shrycock Auditorium at SIU December 9 under the direction of Marits Kesnar.

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You'll find them at Southern Illinois University, where students also are Rude, Cross, Moody, Weary--and Strange, too.

These unusual last names and many others from A (Aaron) to Z (Zurheide) appear in the 1957 student directory, recently issued.

Among the more interesting name combinations in the alphabetical listing for Southern's 6,255 students are Pass-Test, Santy-Klaus, Gunn-Duel, Low-Marks, Barr-Fly and Snow-Ball.

Two students have the shortest name listed--Re. Longest name? Tied for the dubious honor are Schwarztrauber and Schneidermeyer, enough to twist any professor's tongue.

Representing the animal kingdom is a small Herd of four Foxes, a Pair of Wolfs, two Piggs, two Birds and a Swan. Not to mention a Salmon, A Trout and a Bass.

Southern's White, Black, Brown, Gray and Green students know others who answer to this roll call of Nations: England, Israel, Holland, Jordan and Spain. Also on the campus are two Merchants, three Miners, three Brewers, four Farmers, ten Cooks ar 15 Bakers.

There are Carrs, too. Four Fords and a Nash. And two students are Dry despite the presence of Nightwine and Beers.

Also on hand are Tom Sawyer; Dry-Bush-Burns; Little-Cash-Bett, Quick-Gamble; New-Moon, Love-Song, Sweet-Bliss.

No scoffing at Students' names will come from their teachers, however. The SIU faculty directory includes these gems: Layer, Fishback, Wham, Kitchen, Goldiamond, Rainbow, Savage, Shake, Noe, See, Howe.

Small wonder that names make news!

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(This is the second of a series of three articles explaining Southern Illinois University's request for increased appropriations in 1957-59 for buildings and other campus improvements).

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Southern Illinois University's building program is at least eight years behind schedule, said University President D.W. Morris in asking the board of trustees to approve a $39,319,000 budget request for capital improvements in 1957-59.

"We are now in fairly good shape to handle enrollment of eight years ago," Morris reported. "But in the past four years alone enrollment has more than doubled".

On Nov. 15, the board of trustees authorized the University to seek from the General Assembly $29,150,000 for new buildings and $10,165,000 for other capital improvements during the next two years.

The new buildings would include facilities for home economics, physical education and military training, College of Education, industrial education and technology , School of Business, geography and geology, an administration and service building, and a health unit. The budget also calls for completing the second stage of a Life Science Building started in 1953, and the first stage of a building to house the School of Communications.

Citing the need for better home economics facilities, President Morris said that some area high schools are better equipped than Southern in this department. Total class enrollments have increased 126 percent since 1946, and only the lack of staff and classroom and laboratory space have kept the rate of growth from being higher.

"In its efforts to encourage the people of Southern Illinois to raise their standards of living, the home economics staff needs to demonstrate good living practices through attractive, up-to-date and well-planned laboratories," the University trustees were told at their last meeting. (more)

The proposed home economics building group would include laboratories for research and demonstrations in foods and nutritions, clothing and textiles, home furnishings, family living, and dining room and kitchens for teaching dietetics and institutional management. Cost of the building group is estimated at $2,500,000.

The $3,000,000 physical education and military training building the University seeks would be used for indoor drilling of 1600 Air Force ROTC cadets, men's physical education classes, intramural athletics, intercollegiate sports, and for meetings of large areawide groups who look to the University for facilitie The present gymnasium, built for a student body one-sixth the size of the present one, would be turned over to the women's physical education program.

Teacher training, still about the most important job the University is doing in Southern Illinois, has been severely handicapped because education classes are scatted among many buildings on the campus and classes are conducted in poorly lighted and inadequately heated temporary buildings. Facilities for conferences, workshops, demonstrations, special education, remedial reading, and education experimentation are dispersed over the campus or they are not available.

A $2,450,000 College of Education Building, situated next to the University School where elementary and high school students receive their instruction, would permit closer relation of theory to practice. The new structure would offer classroom space for teaching methods, curriculum improvement, school administratio and supervision, guidance, special education, school and finance, and many other specializations.

The budget request includes a $3,250,000 building for the School of Business. For a while it would also be used as a "utility classroom Building" like Old Main because general classroom space is now at a premium. Included in the School of Business are the departments of economics and business administration, the latter of which has more student majors than any other University department.

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The Business Administration department includes emphasis on accounting, marketing, secretarial, finance and personnel.

Southern is asking $4,500,000 for an Industrial Education and Technology Building. It would also house the physics department. "That the facilities now used for pre-engineering, applied science, and industrial teacher education are cramped, temporary and generally inadequate by any comprehensive appraisal," the board of trustees agreed.

Classroom and laboratory space is so short all over the campus that evening and Saturday classes have become a part of the student's regular program.

Other requests for buildings and capital improvements will be discussed in the final article of this series.

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ATTENTION Farm Editors

SIU COUNTRY COLUMN

by Albert Meyer

A new year is just ahead. This is the time for making new resolutions--and re-making some that were broken last year. Surely broken resolutions have a certain nuisance value, even if for no more reason than the mental exercise it requires to think of them and the moral uplift coming from good intentions--however short-lived. There is always the chance that we may have the stamina to keep a worthwhile resolution, reaping benefits to ourselves and our fellow men.

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Farmers would do well in these last three or four days of the old year to review activities of the past 12 months, and make an inventory of successes or failures. Those who have kept a good system of records--as every farmer should--will have the desired information at hand. If there is no money in the bank account, the records will tell where it went and will indicate whether or not the funds went for a good cause. If there is money in the bank, the book will show what good farming practices or enterprises made possible the surplus.

Modern farming requires a good system of records for success. The large amount of capital invested in the enterprise and the high cost of production means that a farmer needs to know whether or not he is making a profit and where mistakes, if any, are being made. Today the farmer is operating a business--a big one. If he repeatedly makes mistakes and does not know for sure where they are being made, he may find himself out of business before he realizes it. By checking his records he will know what enterprises on the farm have been successful. He may want to expand those in the new year if the long range outlook seems to indicate a similar trend in the year ahead.

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Good farm records are essential for making sensible and accurate reports in this day of income and social security taxes. Savings may be achieved which will more than pay for the relatively small cost of keeping records. Farm advisers can furnish information on obtaining farm record books and tax report forms.

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Now is the time to make plans for the busy season ahead and to do the odd jobs around the farm that have been put aside in the rush of growing and harvesting crops.

Successful farm management comes from making some general decisions on what the cropping and livestock program will be in the coming year. Here, of course, accurate records on the past year's operation will set the standard. Various government reports on the national picture in agriculture--holdings of food and fiber, farmer intentions on livestock and poultry production and crop plantings, price forecasts, and business predictions--ought to be taken into consideration in planning a program for the year. Perhaps a change in the crop rotation plan will be necessary because of the soil bank program or for some other reason. By deciding now on land improvement and fertility programs, savings may be achieved by purchasing fertilizers at an opportune time.

What is the condition of the farm shop? Have all the tools been put back where they belong and are they all in good condition for use? Chances are that the shop needs attention. These winter days are the proper time for this job. When the shop is in shape, start making needed repairs to buildings, gates, feeders and farm equipment. Making repairs early adds greatly to the life and usefulness of the farm plant and equipment.

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CARBONDALE, ILL. Dec. --A former tombstone merchant from Anna with the mind of an engineer and the vision of an adventurer has set out to open what he hopes will be a new industrial frontier in Southern Illinois.

Jerome Lutz, who until a year ago was the comfortably prosperous owner of the Anna Memorial Service, has turned for his livlihood to one of "Egypt's" most familiar commodities--limestone.

Where his quarry-toiling forbears thought of the rock as something to enrich soil, build roads, or memorialize the departed, Lutz has his eye on the construction boom. The Anna Marble Co., Lutz' newborn quarring and finishing business, is a venture he hopes will in time rival Indiana's famed Bedford Stone industry.

A year ago, the Lutz domain included a lease on a strip of creek-bed land near St. John's Chapel south of Anna. The site, studded with surface outcroppings of limestone, was surveyed by geologists who called the deposit "very extensive."

Lutz sold out his Anna Memorial Service, a business he had bought from his father 18 years before, bought a quarry bar, an air compressor and a gasoline powered derrick to lift out the 14 to 16 ton blocks.

Starting his business with one contract in the bag--helping a competitor fulfill an order for 45,000 square feet of stone for the interior of Chicago's new Prudential Building--Lutz quickly realized he couldn't compete long without a processing plant. While a limited amount of steady business could be expected from sources wanting the raw, unfinished blocks at the quarry, Lutz knew the real market lay in finished, pre-cut building stone. But that would require a fairly hefty investment for diamond saws, gang saws, a "guillotine," some kind of a building with overhead cranes and additional labor.

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Lutz decided to apply for a loan (some $50,000) from the government's Small Business Administration. To his surprise he was asked for a letter of recommendation from an outfit he'd never heard of, even though it was located practically in his back yard--the Small Business Institute at Southern Illinois University.

Now, a year later, Lutz has his building, a long, corrugated steel structure located across the road from a cemetary in Anna. It is completely equipped for transforming the bulk limestone (hauled from the quarry five miles away on a new truck) into slabs of three different thicknesses. Overhead electric pullys move the blocks from outside the building through the giant diamond saw and smaller cutting operations, down to the guillotine, and back outside to waiting trucks or railroad cars.

Frank Stamberg, one of three SIU lecturers in business administration who work on half-time assignment with the Small Business Institute, went to work "backgrounding" himself in Lutz' operation on thesame day Lutz himself walked into the SBI office to seek assistance.

A veteran consultant, chemical engineer and executive in several midwestern industrial firms before coming to Southern, Stamberg analyzed the Anna Marble Company from every angle. He decided that Lutz' "Illinois Vein Marble" had great possibilities for several reasons: It is equally adaptable to inside or outside use; it is cheaper than any other split veneer, sill stock, or marble on the market; the business location is attractive to large eastern and western contractors who can save shipping costs on their midwestern jobs; the stone wears evenly, doesn't discolor, "cleanses" itself in outside use, has a greater crushing strength and lower water absorption quality than most other stones.

In addition, Southern Illinois limestone boasts a coloration and grain pattern that is uniquely attractive, a light greyish-brown cast with a darker brown grain.

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After months of cost, production and management paper work, market research trips to and/study other marble company operations, the completed loan application was packed off to Washington. It came through on Sept. 7 and by Sept. 16 Lutz was ready to roll.

Although most stone manufacturers mark time during the slow winter months, Lutz has embarked on a one-man junket, hoping to sell his product to contractors. He has sold enough in his year at the quarry to know that his stone is not only marketable but potentially a big item. Southern Illinois stone graces the interiors of such buildings as Detroit's Booke-Cadillac Hotel, the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, office buildings in Utah and California and the new $2,500,000 Library, among others.

Should things go smoothly (Stamberg can see a 50-65 man operation in two or three years), he hopes to add polishing machinery to the picture, enabling him to turn out finished interior marble as well as outside veneer.

A hard-headed businessman who also designed much of his plant and is working on the plans of a low-rpm, multiple bladed stone-cutting machine currently under scrutiny by the U. S. Patent Office, Lutz is outspoken in his praise of Southern's Small Business Institute. Giving the Institute most of the credit for his auspicious start, he says, "I used to think a university was just for young people. I've found out now that SIU works for everybody. I've never before experienced so much cooperation from anyone I've worked with."

Lutz' story to date is a case history of the Small Business Institute's operation. Under the direction of Ralph Bedwell, SBI serves the area through the year by providing Southern Illinois' small businessmen with technical advice on management problems.

"If more small businessmen in Southern Illinois will ask questions like Lutz," Bedwell says, "the entire area will improve and become more prosperous. There is no reason why the Anna Marble Company story can't be duplicated."

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CHRISTMAS YOUNGER THAN THE NEW YEAR

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Many customs, practices and beliefs have followed along with man through centuries of time. It may be of interest at this season to observe some of them, particularly those that have become attached to the world's most widely observed anniversary, New Year.

This does not necessarily mean the New Year is the most widely observed anniversary of Christendom. Here it is rivalled by Christmas. Observance of the advent of a new year, however, is made by many millions of people living in other than Christian countries. The date set aside by other people as a point from which to measure time is not always January 1; in fact, the Western World has not always used the present New Year date.

The two present anniversaries of Christmas and New Year once were observed together and with many of the present practices. Until long after their beginning it was apparently not so much an observance of a particular day or days as it was the observance of a season of several days.

When a distinction was made between the two days and they became separated through church and state action, certain common practices of the season became attached to the one or the other of the days. Many of the customs that were consistent with Christian principles became a part of the Christmas festival.

This practive of borrowing from established customs was encouraged by Pope Gregory who, about 300 A.D., wrote to Augustine of Canterbury, "Permit and even encourage such harmless, popular customs as are capable of Christian interpretation". With this approval of the church, many of the older customs in use took on a new significance.

Though it is known that the custom of observing the beginning of a new year is an old one, considerable mystery surrounds its origin.

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It appears that the practice began at a very early time and in widely separated places. Since we are more concerned with our own New Year, one of the explanations of its origin may be of interest.

In practically all of Europe a new year was thought of as beginning with the winter solstice that occurs by our present calendar on December 21, the shortest day of the year. Since the days began to lengthen or "grow" after the solstice, it was only natural that they should reason that a new year had begun.

Pagan man did not understand the reasons for the sun sinking lower in the sky each day as the winter season approached. He thought that some god was withdrawing the sun and that unless the responsible god could be induced to halt the lowering and return the sun, it would entirely disappear below the horizon. Then there would be no more day; night alone would reign, winter would never end, there would not be another growing season, and man would perish in the continuous night and winter.

Primitive man, therefore, entreated his gods to halt the decline of the sun and to return it to its proper position higher in the sky. Incantations and sacrifices were made and rituals and ceremonies were enacted to induce the gods to reverse the sun's trend. When the winter solstice had passed and it became apparent that the sun had paused in its sinking and was once more rising higher above the horizon each day, the joy of man was great. The "unconquerable sun" was once more returning to bless man with another growing season.

Grateful as he naturally was for another summer and the opportunity it offered him to continue living, he gave expression to his felt joy. He sang, feasted, danced, and otherwise expressed his happiness. He implored the further good will of the gods and dealt kindly with his neighbor. His hope had been renewed. It was not strange, therefore, that when Christ came bringing a new spiritual hope to the world that the element of hope and gratitude in the pagan custom was "capable of Christian interpretation". Thus many of the olden practices of the season became attached to the newly established Christmas.

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Carbondale, Ill., Dec. -- Seven music students at Southern Illinois University will be featured in a voice recital here at 4 p.m. Sunday (Jan. 6) in Shryock Auditorium. It will be the 23rd in a series of concerts sponsored by the SIU music department during the school year.

Soprano June Nightwine, a freshman from Granite City (4003 North) will begin the program singing "Care Salve" from Handel's "Atalanta". Jo Ann Henson, Carrier Mills junior, will sing a soprano aria from "The Marriage of Figaro," followed by Carol Smith, Murphysboro senior, who will sing Brahms' "Standchen."

Nada Jo Binnion, sophomore mezzo-soprano from Vandalia, will sing "Elegy" by Massenet, and Joseph Thomas Jr., a Carbondale freshman, will sing Tchaikovsky's "None But the Lonely Heart."

Jo Ann McIntire, junior soprano from Anna, will sing Niles' "Go 'way from my Window," and Geraldine Weber, Union, Mo. Junior, will conclude the program with "Time," a suite for voice and piano by Olmstead. The pianist will be Miss Marilyn Pflederer, music instructor at SIU.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., DEC. -- Dr. Heinz Rudolph, German minister of labor, health and social welfare for Lower Saxony, will be at Southern Illinois University January 3-6 for a public lecture and a series of campus and area conferences, according to Hellmut A. Hartwig, SIU associate professor of foreign languages.

Rudolph will speak on "Germany's Contribution To the European Idea" at a public meeting in the University School auditorium at 10 a.m. January 4. Hartwig, who assisted with arrangements for Rudolph's SIU visit, says the appearances are under auspices of social science departments.

A member of the West German Federal Council (upper house of parliament), Rudolph is in the United States as a participant in the foreign leader program of the Department of State's International Education Exchange Service. The Department of Labor's office of International Labor Affairs is responsible for his program in the United States.

During his 45-day stay in the U.S., Rudolph is studying labor-management relations, the influences of trade associations and trade unions, the social security system, retirement programs, health and welfare insurance plans, and public school curricula.

In addition to the public address, Rudolph's SIU schedule calls for: January 4--a luncheon meeting with German foreign students and German faculty members; afternoon appearances before social science classes; and a 7:30 p.m. meeting with area hospital management experts in the SIU Conference House.

January 5--a 10 a.m. and luncheon conference with local labor and management representatives in the University Cafeteria, and an afternoon reception.

Tentative arrangements for January 6 are a breakfast with public school officials and a tour of the area under Hartwig's guidance.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 26 --A prominent geneticist told the American Association for the Advancement of Science Wednesday that the gene was probably not the primary element in the process of evolution.

Dr. Carl C. Lindegren of Southern Illinois University presented his views at a conference on "Modern Ideas on Spontaneous Generation" held in connection with the national AAAS convention here.

Genes have a controlling or regulatory function in the nucleus of the cell, Lindegren said, and he pointed out that such specific functions probably came about late in the evolution of the cell.

The genes, he said, "constitute an insurance of success in conditions of competition but are not directly involved in the primary metabolism of living activity".

Some scientists have contended that life began with the first gene falling into a place where there was a great deal of organic material. Lindegren says the possibility that the gene is a terminal or recent addition to the cell has not been sufficiently considered.

There can be no question that the chromosomes and their genes are essential components of living matter as we know it today, Lindegren stated, but this does not prove they were primary components.

The gene is allegedly a pure chemical compound and it is not likely that any chemical has an autonomous capacity for reproducing itself, he added. It must depend on the environment for its components and the synthesis must be mediated by an enzyme.

Lindegren is director of Southern Illinois University's Biological Research Laboratory.

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(This is the last of a series of three articles explaining Southern Illinois University's request for increased appropriations in 1957-59 for buildings and other capital improvements).

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Carbondale, Ill., Jan. -- With the prospect of having at least 9000 students by 1960 in already overcrowded classrooms and dormitories, Southern Illinois University will ask the Illinois legislature for 12 new buildings and funds to improve present campus facilities.

The bulk of the $39,319,000 the University will seek from the General Assembly for capital improvements in 1957-59 is for new structures to take care of enrollment growth and to replace army-surplus barracks and dilapidated frame residences in which classes are held.

Nearly $3,000,000 has been earmarked, however, for completion of buildings already started, and $1,143,000 for renovating old permanent structures, some of which have not had major overhauling for several decades.

While Southern's enrollment has been spiraling up to its present size of 6255, much of the capital appropriations funds have had to go into emergency temporary structures. There is nearly 170,000 square feet of floor space in use in temporary quarters. The few new buildings put up in recent years don't come anywhere near meeting the need.

Meanwhile, old buildings which are landmarks on the main University campus have been deteriorating for lack of money to finance extensive repairs. Besides, older buildings have been shifted into service for purposes for which they were not intended, and adequate alterations have not been possible. For example, the Allyn Building, a former grade school for teacher training, now houses the departments of art and design; and Altgeld Hall, formerly a laboratory building for science classes, now holds the University Museum, the music department and general classrooms.

The University, in its capital improvements budget approved by the SIU board of trustees Nov. 15, says it needs $1,385,000 for a fire alarm system, sanitary sewers, campus lighting and other health and safety factors. (more)

If the University is to expand according to plan, it must have $1,500,000 in the next two years for acquisition of land, and $391,000 for building a new access road to Highway 51 and for widening and paving Harwood Avenue. Harwood was the southern limit of University property at one time, but it now cuts through the middle of the campus.

The budget request specifies $283,000 for improvements at the Vocational-Technical Institute campus east of Carbondale where full-time enrollment has grown from 36 to 564 since 1952. The number of adults in evening trades and business courses also has been increasing at a rapid rate.

Plans and specifications have been drawn up for residence halls which would accommodate 675 more students, but legislation may have to be passed permitting the University to use student fees to meet some of this construction cost. The students voted last year on a fee increase which will go into a Student Center Building Fund.

Attempting to ease the strain on the state treasury wherever possible, Southern is trying to construct some buildings which can be financed primarily out of self-liquidating bonds. However, the 1957-59 budget request foresees the need for $3,000,000 from state funds for student housing to supplement borrowed funds. Less than 12 percent of Southern's present student body can be housed in permanent campus residence halls.

Also, some $550,000 of the $3,600,000 it will take to build the Student Center is requested for basic utilities extensions.

"The projected needs for Southern's campus have been carefully and conservatively planned, and every effort has been made in our building program to save money for the taxpayers of Illinois," said University President D.W. Morris.

"The $39,319,000 capital improvements request for the next biennium is large," Morris commented, "because we have the dual problem of catching up with the past enrollment trend and trying to keep up with the critical situation that faces us in the immediate and continuing future."

The SIU president said the expansion of Southern's physical plant in the past few years is impressive in many ways, but not nearly so impressive as the upsurge in enrollment figures. The present student body of 6255 is expected to be at the 7100 level next year and to reach 9000 or more by 1960.

"There has been an encouraging educational awakening in Southern Illinois that portends greater progress and well-being for this region," Morris added. "We can only pray the people of Illinois appreciate the significance of this trend and will give us the resources to keep higher education here on a par with that of other areas".

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THE EARLY FRENCH WERE A JOLLY LOT

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Near the end of each December the careful listener at Prairie du Rocher in Illinois, Ste. Genevieve in Missouri or Vincennes in Indiana may hear someone hummin the tune or softly singing the words of an ancient song. It is "La Guiannee", the song that early French settlers at those places sang on the last night of the old year. Perhaps it is the oldest folk song sung in this country.

La Guiannee once was heard regularly at those places where the French had established settlements in America. In Prairie du Rocher the custom apparently has been observed regularly since the village was established in 1722. The practice of singi this old song has disappeared from all but three or four places in America.

In the few localities where it still is sung a group of singers will gather shor after nightfall on the last day of the old year. They will go from house to house a sing their beggar song in the same manner and in the same strange patois spoken in t first years of the settlement. This custom of singing La Guiannee long marked the beginning of the round of festivities that always came in the days near the beginnin of each new year.

These singers, properly masked, generally wearing beggar costumes and accompanie by a musician or two, would make their round of calls to sing their plea for gifts. To this plea they also added one asking that they be pardoned for any offense unwittingly committed. The gifts they had collected, generally food, were next distribut to those less fortunate. Since it was the custom to stop at each place visited for the refreshments always offered, the night grew old before the circuit was completed and the largess distributed.

La Guiannee was only the signal for the beginning of the New Year observances. There were other practices that followed, many of which have disappeared. The careful observer, however, can still see traces of them and tradition concerning them still easy to find. All evidence indicates that the early days of each incoming year were ones of festivity and friendship.

A manuscript in the Library of Congress tells in some detail of the manner in which the settlers at Vincennes observed the season. Fragmentary records and traditi indicate that the same customs prevailed in the other French settlements. (more)

Early on the first day of the year it was the custom to begin a round of visitin Each person went to visit the eldest members of the family. After calling on their elders, when kisses and congratulations were bestowed and received, the married sons, daughters, nephews, and nieces returned to their own homes to receive those younger. The day thus became one of almost continuous visiting and being visited. At each place cookies and tidbits were served, but it does not appear that drinking was excessive.

Each visitor kissed not only the master and mistress of the house but also the o ladies, the young, the boys and girls of all ages as well as the men and maid servar All alike received the customary salutation.

If two persons had quarreled during the year, a mutual friend or acquaintance would arrange a time and place for the meeting of the estranged ones. There they would kiss and drink to each other's health and happiness. Old differences were forgotten and they were friends once more--at least until their next quarrel.

It was also on the first day of the year that preparations were begun for holdin the series of social affairs known as the King Balls. As a first step in this progr some prominent lady of the village attended to the baking of a cake in which four be were hidden. The eligible young men of the town were then invited to gather. The c was cut and the pieces were passed among them. The first young man to find a hidden bean was designated as King. Those finding the other three beans became attendants, with seniority established in the order as that in which they had found the beans. After this the king selected his queen and the attendants their partners.

It was the privilege of the King to hold the first of the series of balls that were soon to begin. If he did not have a house suitable for the ball, some elder da of the village always considered it a privilege to offer her home for his use. The queen and the three attendants attended to decorating the home for the ball. The m provided and paid the fiddler.

The first ball was held on the night after 'old Christmas', Jan. 6. When homes w not large enough to accommodate all who would come, attendance was by invitation. A invitation to this first ball was highly appreciated. They were the social highligh of the year. The elderly, important, and highly respected came in state, perhaps m to give dignity to the affair than to dance. Today the King Balls have disappeared.

This New Year Eve a troup will go about Prairie du Rocher and once more sing La Guiannee. Many of the singers in this group are aging. Charles Clerc, now past 80, will be participating for about his seventieth time. For many years he sang the lead. Now his son, Percy, helps him with the lead. Another son accompanies with a guitar. Few of the singers are any longer youthful. Some are direct descendants of those who sang the old song 200 years ago. Others answer to German and English name The number of participants lessens with passing years, but the song lives on with a few other remnants of the happy practices of the early settlers.

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SIU COUNTRY COLUMN
By Albert Meyer

Owners of poultry flocks will need to do a good job of managing in the months ahead. Prices during the year just ending haven't been anything for egg producers to get shouting happy about. They have reflected the fact that production of eggs, broilers and turkeys has been at record levels for the year.

The danger signals are up for the year ahead, too, if present indications mean anything. Farmers are entering 1957 with slightly more laying hens than a year ago, and the poultry breeders have indicated that they will have larger flocks around for hatchery egg production. The poultry industry reports there were 409,000,000 potential laying hens on farms October 1, a million more than at the same time last year. Estimates are that a larger percentage of these potential layers were pullets rather than yearling hens.

That condition leads to the belief that egg prices will be running somewhat below last year during the first six months of 1957.

If dairy cows are due to calve during these winter days, give the prospective mother a clean, well bedded stall with some protection from the cold weather. In the kind of climate prevalent in Southern Illinois, dairy farmers often get by very well by using movable gates or portable partitions in part of a loafing barn open to the south or east to provide maternity stalls for cows that are calving.

This may be a bit of belated advice too late to do any good this year, but here it is anyway. It still may be timely for those who wait until after New Year's Day to take down the Christmas tree.

For the sake of safety, do not try to poke the dried out evergreen into the furnace. There is danger of burning down the house or setting yourself afire. Dried needle foliage on old Christmas trees burns with almost explosive rapidity.

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The best use for a discarded Christmas tree is as a bird feeding station in the back yard. Push the base of the tree into the ground or into a bucket of sand. Then hang on the branches a few pieces of suet, some lumps of peanut butter enclosed in open mesh cloth, or other food items that birds will appreciate on cold winter days.

If you must burn the tree, do it in an outdoor incinerator, or cut it into small pieces and put these into a stove or furnace in small lots that will not be a fire hazard.

While we are on the subject of safety, we will mention a few other things that are timely at this season of the year. There is the occasional possibility of icy steps and porches. Don't run the risk of a nasty fall that may result in broken bones or other serious injury. Sprinkle a little coarse salt on the ice to speed its melting. If the weather is so cold that the salt will not melt the ice, sprinkle on some abrasive material such as sand to provide sure footing.

Clear off the stairways--if you have any. A favorite parking place for spare shoes, rubbers, boots, overshoes, boxes, old papers or other odds and ends are the basement or attic stairs. There is a potential fall in every one of the items. Don't wait until someone has taken a tumble to clear away the obstacles. There are other safer places for these items.

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ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS (second of two articles)

Carbondale, Ill., Jan. -- Southern Illinois farmers need to consider carefully their land, capital and labor resources in planning systems of farming that include beef cow herds for feeder calf production.

That is the suggestion of Harvey S. Woods, Southern Illinois University farm management specialist, in his economic analysis of the organization and operation of a group of Southern Illinois farms which have beef cow herds. The study--completed recently as a joint research project of SIU, the University of Illinois, and the Production Economics Research Branch, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture--is based on the 1954 business of 66 farmers in Pope, Hardin, Massac, Johnson, Union and Pulaski counties who were members of the Egyptian Livestock Association, Vienna.

Woods points out that a beef cattle enterprise requires large acreages of low-priced land, plenty of cheap roughage, a long grazing season, and a large number of brood cows. The most successful groups of farmers combined grain and swine enterprise with the beef cow herd. A beef cattle enterprise also fits well into a fruit and vegetable production program, he says, because the seasonal nature of labor requirements fit together well. A beef cow herd may be handled with off-farm jobs but the labor needed for the herd should be examined carefully before the combination is attempted because the projected total work load may be more than the farmer can handle

As part of the study, Woods analyzed the operations of three groups of farms and summarized the information about each group into a representative farm. For each he proposed two alternative farm plans that would revise the cropping system, fertility practices, and livestock program so as to get maximum farm earnings for the farm family from the available resources.

The three groups were: a part-time farm on which the annual charges and expenses for land, labor, and capital would be less than $9,000 at 1954 prices; a full-time farm with low inputs of less than $9,000; and a full-time, high-input farm with more than $9,000 annual inputs. All three farms are hilly and comparatively low in soil fertility.

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The first alternative farm plan suggested by Woods for each of the farms involve capital investments in fertilizers sufficient to raise soil fertility to recommended levels. This doubled the yields of grain and forage and permitted substantially greater sales of grain and a larger number of brood cows for producing feeder calves

The second plan proposed an increased number of sows for producing enough market hogs to consume the farm-produced corn sold for cash under the first plan. In fact, Woods emphasized hogs as a good combination with a beef cow herd for boosting the si of the farm business and farm earnings. In each instance the labor required did not exceed that available on the farm. Each farm had a small flock of laying hens and some livestock other than the brood cows.

The part-time farm contained 288 acres of which 197 were open land. In 1954 the farm produced 15 acres of grain, 40 acres of hay, and 142 acres of pasture. The beef cow herd consisted of 23 Hereford brood cows. The year's farm receipts and wages, le farm expenses, left $99 in earnings for the farm family.

Woods' first alternative farm plan would increase expenses by $1,025, largely fo soil improvement, to a total of $3,730 and boost the herd to 46 brood cows. Receipts and wages--pushed up by sales of additional corn and feeder calves--would increase t $6,460. Earnings would increase to $2,730. Using hogs, in a second alternative plan, to consume most of the farm-grown corn, would boost earnings another $686 (to $3,416

The full-time, low-input farm contained 262 acres with 203 acres of open land. T farm produced 51 acres of corn, 12 acres of wheat, 29 acres of hay and 104 acres of pasture. The livestock program included 19 Hereford brood cows and two sows that produced 14 market hogs annually. Receipts in 1954 were $6,111; expenses, $3,622; and earnings, $2,489. Under the first alternative farm plan, land improvement would cost $1,433 annually and the herd would be increased to 46 brood cows. Receipts woul jump to $10,494 and farm and family earnings would rise to $5,808. In the second alternative plan, the hog enterprise would be increased to 224 hogs marketed annually and earnings for the farm family would increase to $8,917.

The full-time, high-input farm contained 520 acres of which 382 were open land. There were 100 acres of grain, 61 acres of hay, and 221 acres of pasture. The livestock program consisted of 48 brood cows and 68 hogs marketed annually. Receipts in 1954 were $11,419 but earnings were only $2,990.

Woods' first alternative plan would spend $2,066 annually for land improvement and increase the herd to 94 brood cows to use up the greater production of forage. Receipts from grain and calves would go up to $17,064 and give the farm family earnings of $7,558 by good management. By decreasing the beef herd slightly and boosting the production of market hogs to 238 annually, receipts would go up to $20,537, and the earnings of the farm family would increase to $9,760 annually.

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FLORA, ILL., Dec. --Sporting a 6-1 record, Millikin University will be a slight favorite in its clash against Southern Illinois University in a fire department benefit game here Wednesday (Dec 26) night.

Always a basketball power, Millikin has lost only to Wheaton, while running up victories over Lake Forest, Augustana, Millikin Alumni, Carroll College, McKendree, and Quincy College

Southern's improving squad could do little wrong in knocking over North Dakota University, 93-68, at Herrin Wednesday (Dec. 19) night. The Salukis played their best game of the season as they hit a phenomenal 53 per cent of their field goal shots (42 of 80), including a torrid 58 per cent (21 of 36) the second half.

Larry Whitlock, 6-5 junior from Mt. Vernon, connected on 15 of 28 field goal attempts against North Dakota and added three free throws for a total of 33 points--only five shy of a new all-time SIU scoring mark. This boosted his seven-game total to 141, a slightly over 20-points-per-game average.

Herrin fans were delighted with the showing of their last year's high school star, 5-9 Richard (Itchy) Jones, who really felt at home in his home grounds, hitting seven of 10 field goal attempts and adding two free throws for 16 points.

Warren Talley, who appeared only in a substitute role, hit nine of 15 field goal shots and added a charity marker for 19 points.

Against Millikin, SIU Coach Lynn Holder plans to start Seymour Bryson, Quincy, and Whitlock at forwards; Marvin Jones, East St. Louis freshman at center; and captain Gordon Lambert, Marion, and Richard Jones at guards.

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Probable Millikin starter will be Dean Strobel, Ramsey, and Terry Smith, Ottawa, at forwards; Roger Lotchin, 6-5 senior from Shelbyville, center; Don Petty, Pana, and Mickey Sprinkle, Decatur (formerly of Centralia), guards.

Southern now has a 4-3 overall mark, but losses have been to such strong teams as Valparaiso University and Indiana University.

SIU collides with another powerful squad--Miami University of Ohio in an area clash at Harrisburg next Friday (Dec. 28). Miami, which lists three players 6-6 and two 6-7, lost only one of its first five games, that being a two-point decision to highly-rated Dayton.

The Harrisburg and Flora games are both set for 8 p.m.

Southern's next game on its Carbondale court will be against Baker (Kans.) University, Jan. 5.

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ATTENTION: FARM EDITORS

CARBONDALE, ILL., DEC. -- Producing milk and broiler chickens comprise the farming enterprise on a Dairy-Broiler Test Farm which was activated at Southern Illinois University during December.

John R. Davis, young college-trained farmer from Patoka, Ill., who operates the 60-acre farm under a base pay-bonus contract with the University, says he expects to market the first brood of 4,300 broilers by about February 1. The chicks were placed December 4 in a new 28-by-154-foot broiler house, first unit of a two-building poultry establishment which features such labor-saving devices as automatic feeding and watering equipment.

The second unit, connected to the first by a service room, is 36-by-120 and will be ready for use by the time the first brood of broilers has been marketed. Then production will be doubled, Davis says. The houses provide one square foot of floor space per bird.

The test farm enterprise calls for producing and marketing four broods of broiler chickens annually, totalling approximately 34,000 birds. Davis says he contemplates marketing each brood as live chickens in one lot when about nine weeks old. That will leave four weeks between broods for cleaning and preparing the houses for the next lot of chicks.

Twenty Holstein cows comprise the farm's dairy herd. Four to five of the best young heifers from the herd's annual calf production will be retained for herd replacements, and the rest of the young animals will be sold as surplus, providing part of the farm income. The cows, now nearly through their second 305-day lactation period, are producing milk at the rate of 12,000 to 15,000 pounds each this year. That is considerably above the average for the state or the area. Cows are allowed to go dry about 60 days before calving time.

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The farm is equipped for producing Grade A milk which is sold to the Prairie Farms Creamery plant in Carbondale. A 300-gallon milk cooling bulk tank was installed in the milking parlor this fall to eliminate the labor of handling milk cans, to reduce sanitation problems, and to qualify for a premium price. A pole-type loafing barn, open on the south to a paved feeding lot, and a nearby horizontal type bunker silo of 110-ton capacity for storing grass silage are near the milking parlor.

Mrs. Davis helps with the milking chore. They and their two-year-old son, Ronnie, live in a modernized dwelling on the farm.

Dr. Ralph A. Benton, SIU supervisor of test farms, says the Dairy-Broiler Test Farm is one of five proposed test farms planned by the SIU School of Agriculture, each a different type of operation representative of the kinds of farm management units considered by agricultural consultants and SIU to be practically suited to Southern Illinois. All but one will be one-operator farms on which the farmer and his family will be responsible for day-to-day operational decisions and farm work within the general management program outlined by the university.

Each farm will stand on its own merits as a self-sustaining unit with the operator's farming incentive coming from bonuses achieved by good management. Benton says the School of Agriculture will maintain a complete set of records on each test farm and the agriculture staff will lend research assistance and information to the program through the supervisor of test farms.

The Dairy-Broiler unit is the second test farm to be activated this year. A Steer-Hog Test Farm, a 180-acre, one-operator farm, was the first. It was activated in October with Ralph Fox as operator. Fox, who is married and has a baby son, resigned as farm foreman on the SIU Experimental Farm to become the test farm operator.

Using a hay-pasture-grain cropping system, the farm depends for its income on annually feeding out 50 head of steers--which are purchased either in spring or fall, depending on marketing considerations--and maintaining 30 brood sows for producing market hogs. The sows are managed to produce spring and fall litters of pigs. The farm will feature maximum use of pasture and hay forage for steer feeding with 60 days of grain feed just prior to marketing. All feed, except grain for hogs, is produced on the farm.

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CARBONDALE, ILL., DEC. -- Dr. W. E. Keepper, dean of the Southern Illinois University School of Agriculture, will return to his desk at SIU Wednesday (Jan. 2) after serving six months in Venezuela as a farm management consultant for the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. He arrived in Carbondale December 21 in time to spend Christmas with his family.

Dr. Walter J. Wills and Dr. Alex Reed SIU professors of agriculture, have been serving as interim acting dean and acting chairman of the agriculture department, respectively.

Much information about Venezuela's farms is needed before the potential of a healthy agricultural industry is realized in that nation, Keepper says, the conception of farm management there having been confused with farm supervision.

Keepper and Dr. Francisco Gomez Quiroga, his working collaborator in the Venezuela Ministerio de Agricultura y Crea (MAC), prepared a farm account book as a tool to help Venezuela and its farmers gain more information about their farm businesses. Keepper also will submit a report to FOA on developing and applying farm management research in Venezuela.

He spent nearly two-thirds of his time in Caracas, the nation's capital, and visited various agricultural areas of the nation the rest of the time to study farming progress and practice. He was assigned to the agricultural economics subdivision of the Venezuela Department of Agriculture's Planning Division, one of five in the department.

Major agricultural products of Venezuela, a country one-third larger than Texas, are coffee, sugar, rice, cotton, sesame (a plant grown for its oil-bearing seed), and range produced and fattened beef cattle. Corn is grown for a cereal food but is too costly to use for livestock feed. Considerable quantities of pork, poultry products, fruit and flour are imported.

The country needs greater efforts in agricutlural research, education and extension to reduce production costs so that the farmers can compete with other countries on the world market and can supply foods at reasonable costs for home consumption, Keepper says.

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